



Mahde Hasan Wins at LOCARNO

In celebration of its 70 years, Locarno Festival has introduced their newest segment "#movieofmylife (Movie of My Life)" in 2017. This segment, which featured 70-second long clips made by budding filmmakers around the world, received much praise and was exhibited in the world-famous Piazza Grande of the Locarno Festival. Along with six other international filmmakers, Mahde Hasan from Bangladesh has been awarded in the "Movie of My Life" segment. Mahde's winning clip was based on the legendary filmmaker Abbas Kiarostami's film *Where is the Friend's Home*. He said, "Even though this segment isn't a part of the main competition, it feels amazing to have a work made by a Bangladeshi filmmaker presented in front of such a large international audience." Mahde Hasan was one of the first participants of the workshop conducted by Celebrating Life, where he not only completed the workshop with flying colors but survived the rigorous phase-by-phase elimination. He finished the final stages of the workshop by having his film selected in the end. Star Showbiz congratulates Mahde on this commendable success.

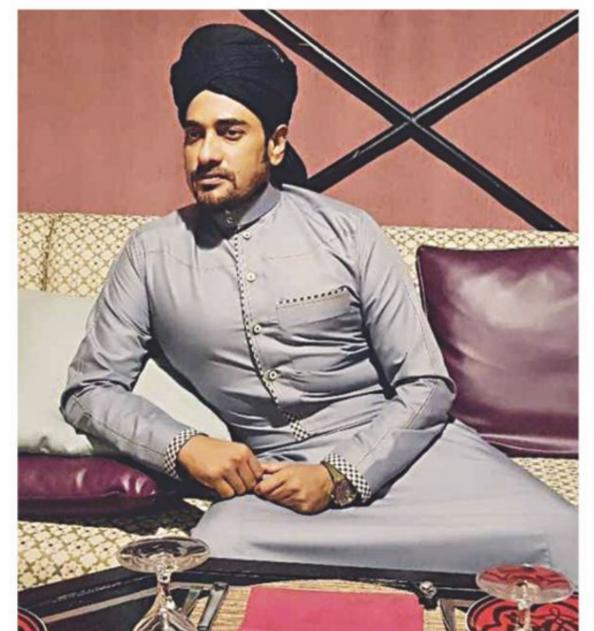
Kushum's Controversial NESHA

Model and actress Kushum Sikder has released her latest song *Nesha* at 3rd August, in the form of a music video. Ever since its release, the video has been a matter of serious controversy regarding Kushum's questionable and indecent appearance in it. The video, which has gathered quite the amount of views on YouTube, has amassed many critical comments. More importantly, the video has been filed a legal notice of removal by the Supreme Court Lawyer Aftab Uddin Siddiqui. The notice claims that, if the music video and all other associated teasers or clips are not removed from YouTube within 72 hours since the notice, serious legal proceedings will have to be taken against Kushum Sikder, her co-actor Khaled Hossain Sujon and all related parties. The legal notice also claims that the video has a large number of explicit scenes, making it not only culturally inappropriate but a crime against Public Information and Communication Technology Act regulations.



Ananta Jalil From Action Hero to Islam Preacher!

We all know Ananta Jalil as the hot-blooded action hero who can defy the impossible. After a long break from films, he has resurfaced himself as someone quite different from our established image of him. Recently, he was seen as a part of a mass prayer event in a Dhanmondi mosque. He has also been seen preaching Islam to an open crowd of fans in Dhanmondi's Rabindra Sarobar. This sudden change of Ananta Jalil has been noticed worldwide, and has



been extensively covered by international news networks such as Daily Mail, AFP and Arab News. This transformation from a movie superstar to a devout follower of Islam was posted by Ananta Jalil himself in his Facebook page. During an interview with AFP, he stated, "Allah has created us all. I want to express my gratitude to Him." He also added, "If I am successful in preaching Islam to the younger generations, they will surely benefit from it."