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“Dhaka Attack” storming into cinemas today

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The Bangalee soul is an ardently romantic one, and it is of little wonder why thriller films have been made only sporadically over the years. However that is to change today; a new action thriller with filled with promises is being released nationwide. “Dhaka Attack”, helmed by Dipankar Dipon, has generated a lot of buzz over the past months. The film will be released across 125 cinema halls today, following a grand premiere last evening at the capital’s Star Cineplex. This sets a new record, for films are only released in so many big screens on special occasions.

“I have shouldered a heavy responsibility by veering away from mainstream films and attempting to create something new,” the director tells The Daily Star. “If the results are positive, then I hope it sets an example among directors to never shy away from new ideas. I would not have been able to make it this far without the support of my whole team, and we have all worked extremely hard for this.”

The director added further that the film contains an important message, but it can only be found out by watching the film at the halls.

Playing the role of Home Minister in the film is noted actor Syed Hasan Imam. “Terror-

ism and religious extremism is a danger that needs tackling in our country. Fortunately, our very capable police force has been very active in combating this, with results. However, very little is known about their lives and the challenges they face on the force, which is what ‘Dhaka Attack’ attempts to capture. I have worked with Dipankar Dipon before, and he is extremely hardworking and talented.”

The film also marks the return of Afzal Hossain on the big screen after a long hiatus, and he plays a senior officer on the police force. “The narrative will surely stir the audience,” he stated, “I look forward to its release.”

Arifin Shuvo plays the lead role of a police

officer, a figure through whom the obstacles and responsibilities of the occupation will be highlighted. The actor said, “I can only say one thing: all of you must go to the halls to watch the film. We look forward to all the feedback we can get.”

Also appearing in important supporting roles are Shatabdi Wadud and Nawshaba. “My character is emotionally moving; when a police personnel leaves his family to go to work, there is no guarantee of him ever coming back home. I play the role of a police officer’s wife,” Nawshaba said of her character. Shatabdi Wadud said, “This is a film that will be best enjoyed on the big screen, and I have high hopes for its success.”

A press conference was held yesterday (October 5) for the unveiling of duronto tv’s channel logo, at the capital’s Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel. The channel, geared towards children, will begin its commercial airing on October 15. Minister of Information Hasanul Haq Inu attended the event as chief guest, while Minister of Cultural Affairs Asaduzzaman Nur and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam were present as special guests, among others.



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Javed Akhtar, Shabana Azmi coming to Dhaka

Blues Communications bringing “Kaifi Aur Main” this month

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Blues Communications, the premier cultural event organisers of the country, are bringing eminent Indian poet-lyricist-screenwriter Javed Akhtar, prominent actress Shabana Azmi and Ghazal singer Jaswinder Singh together for special theatrical production, “Kaifi Aur Main” (Kaifi and I) this month in Dhaka.

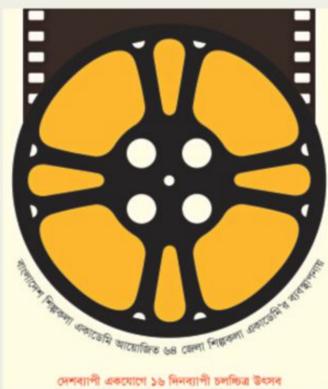
The production chronicles the life of Kaifi Azmi, the Indian Urdu poet credited with bringing Urdu literature to Indian cinema. It is adapted from his wife Shaukat Azmi’s memoir “Yaad Ki Rehguzar” and excerpts of interviews of Kaifi Azmi, and is directed by Ramesh Talwar. Their daughter Shabana Azmi and her husband Javed Akhtar take

the centre-stage in the largely recitation and conversation-based production interspersed with songs (written by Kaifi Azmi) including familiar film tunes like “Tum Jo Mil Gaye Ho”, “Ab Tumhare Hawale Watan Saathiyon”, and “Tum Itna Jo Muskura Rahe Ho” sung by Jaswinder Singh.

“Kaifi Aur Main” is the second of such initiatives by Blues Communications to bring eminent thespians of the region with acclaimed theatrical pieces, the first of which was last April when Naseeruddin Shah, his wife Ratna Pathak Shah and daughter Heeba Shah brought to life “Ismat Apa Ke Naam”, a stage adaptation of three short stories by another eminent Urdu author, Ismat Chughtai.

The production, which has been staged so far across the world including the USA, Canada, UK, UAE, Singapore and Oman, will come to the Dhaka audience on October 25 at the Krishibid Institute Auditorium. Ticket details will soon be released by the organisers.

Bangladesh Film Festival begins nationwide today



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Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) is organising the second edition of the Bangladesh Film Festival, taking 44 films to all 64 districts of the country, from today. The 16-day festival (October 6-21) will screen a total of 44 films at the district Shilpakala Academy premises.

Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor will inaugurate the festival at 5pm today at the National Art Gallery Auditorium. BSA Director General Liaquat Ali Lucky will chair the session, where Secretary of the Cultural Affairs Ministry Md. Ibrahim Hossain Khan and filmmakers Saidul Anam Tutul, Morshedul Islam and Mushfiqur Rahman Gulzar will also be present.

A seven-member committee has selected the films in five sections: classics, internationally-acclaimed films, films based on Liberation War, contemporary local films (2015-2016) and films by women filmmakers. The festival will also hand out awards and cash prizes in three categories – best film, best director and special jury award – from the 11 films selected in the contemporary films section. Makers of all the films will also be given certificates at the closing ceremony on October 21.

TAYLOR SWIFT leads MTV Europe Award nods

Taylor Swift led the nominations announced Wednesday for the MTV Europe Music Awards after she caused a stir with her vengeful new persona on “Look What You Made Me Do”.

The pop superstar was up for six prizes including Best Artist and Best Video at the international edition of MTV’s awards gala, which will take place in London on November 12.

“Look What You Made Me Do”, the lead single from Swift’s upcoming album “Reputation”, broke the record for first-day views on YouTube as Swift, long an anodyne cultural force, showed a sinister new side to herself.

The video opens in a graveyard where a tombstone reads “Here Lies Taylor Swift’s Reputation” and goes on to take subtle jabs at her ex-boyfriends as well as rapper Kanye West, with whom she has a simmering feud.

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Canadian sensation Shawn Mendes was second with five nominations, followed at four nods each for English songwriter Ed Sheeran and rapper Kendrick Lamar, who was the big winner at MTV’s signature Video Music Awards in Los Angeles in August.

Nominees for Best World Stage category, which recognizes international performances, include the Los Angeles-based DJ Steve Aoki for an MTV special in Malta and Foo Fighters for a gig aired from Barcelona.

The Europe Music Awards differ from the VMAs by recognizing international impact and featuring non-English categories. But like the VMAs, the awards generally more watched for its pop culture moments, both scripted and unscripted, than for the actual winners.

MTV earlier announced that Rita Ora, a major pop singer in Britain who is set to release her first album in five years, will serve as host of the show in her hometown.

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