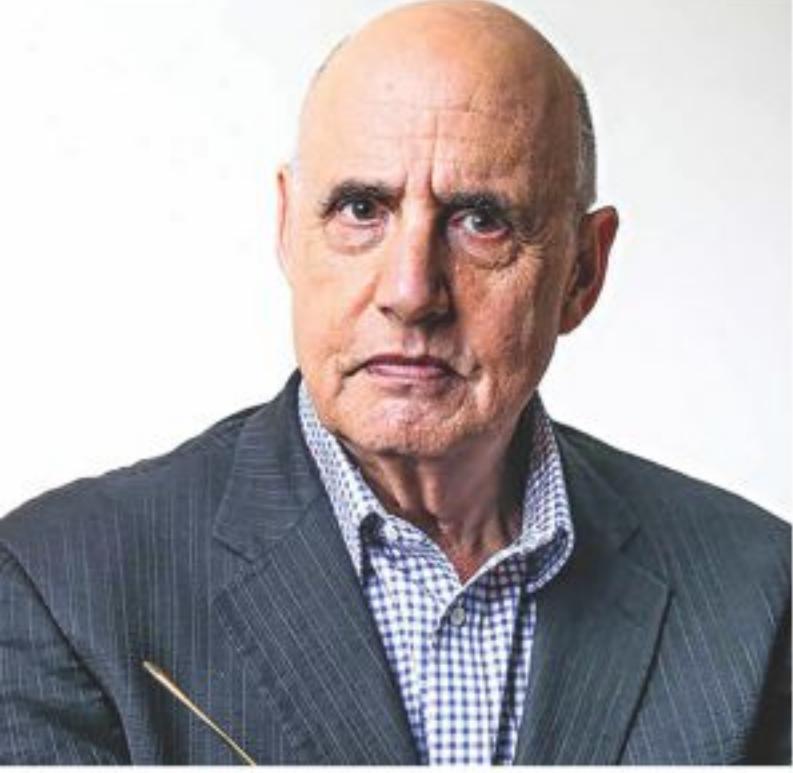


## NEWS bytes

### Jeffrey Tambor departs "Transparent"



Jeffrey Tambor, who played Maura Pfefferman on Amazon's "Transparent", has exited the series amid sexual harassment allegations against the actor.

"I've already made clear my deep regret if any action of mine was ever misinterpreted by anyone as being aggressive, but the idea that I would deliberately harass anyone is simply and utterly untrue," Tambor said in a statement to Variety. "Given the politicized atmosphere that seems to have afflicted our set, I don't see how I can return to 'Transparent'."

Tambor was accused of sexual harassment by his former personal assistant, a trans woman named Van Barnes, in a private Facebook post on November 8, causing Amazon to open an investigation into the allegations. On Thursday, guest star Trace Lysette came forward with further alleged instances of inappropriate behavior.

The team behind "Transparent" had already begun planning a way to continue the show without Tambor once the allegations broke. No final decision about next season has been made by Amazon.

Source: Variety

# Zahid Hasan joins Indian film "Sitara"

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Zahid Hasan has been a powerhouse actor of Bangladeshi television for a few decades, but his big screen projects have been sporadic. His debut film, "Balaban", was a Bangladesh-Pakistan-Sri Lanka joint production, and now the veteran actor is ready for his first fully-foreign film, with Ashish Roy-directed Indian film "Sitara".

The film, based on eminent writer Abul Bashar's novel "Bhorer Prosuti", will be made in Bangla and Telegu, and see Hasan take on the role of Dilu.

"I read the novel after getting the offer, and I really liked it," Zahid Hasan told The Daily Star about how he came to be associated with the film. Asked about his preparations, the actor said "Every new story and character is something new to me. I have started preparations for the role."

"Sitara" will be filmed in West Bengal's Dinajpur, the actor added, where shooting will

commence in January and go on for about a month.

About his character, Hasan said "Dilu is a good-at-heart person. He goes traveling with a girl and they develop a relationship, and that is what moves the story forward." Asked about who the leading actress in the film is, Zahid said "Let that remain a surprise for now."

After "Balaban", Zahid Hasan found success on the small screen and focused his career on TV. Humayun Ahmed's "Shrabon Megher Din", in which he played a central role, earned him a National Film Award. His other film credits include "Amar Achhe Jol" and "Shankhanad", and he will be seen next in Tauquir Ahmed-directed "Haldaa", which releases nationwide on December 1.

About his work in cinema, Zahid Hasan says "I do want to work in films, but only if everything clicks – the story, the character. That is why I did 'Haldaa'; the viewers will realise when they see the film why I did it."

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Guests at the inauguration of the exhibition.

## "Joloj 3" opens at AFD

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The third installment of the group painting exhibition series titled "Joloj" began on November 17 at the Alliance Française de Dhaka's (AFD) La Galerie.

"Joloj-3" was inaugurated by Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Media Affairs Advisor to the Prime Minister as chief guest. Eminent sculptor Professor Hamiduzzaman Khan was special guest while CEO of amaderbazaar.com Ferdous Khan was guest of honour.

The third edition of series exhibition continues the series of exhibitions with the central theme of "Water Around Us" that began in 2015. It is an initiative by artists Al-Akhir Sarker, Bishan Bhakta, Golam Moshiur Rahman Choudhury, Md. Azmal Uddin, Sadek Ahmed and Shaymal Biswas.

Golam Moshiur's paintings show the struggle of life and agony of human beings. Bishan's artworks are deeply attached with the nature; he usually paints his thoughts and likes to expose what he loves. Al-Akhir Sarker looks to dig out inner feelings, very personal and free but at the same time traditional feelings of Bengali people in his paintings. Sadek looks to express his emotions with light and shade, and a lost city is the subject of his painting. Md. Azmal Uddin enjoys exploring duality - the internal and external feeling of human beings - in his painting. Shamol Biswas' works are inspired by his surroundings, the memories he nurtures, the flora and fauna and the urban life.

The exhibition will be open till November 28 from 3pm to 9pm from Monday to Thursday, and from 9am to 12pm on Friday and Saturday.

## Bruno Mars sweeps seven awards at AMAs

### Women performers soar on star-studded night



Pink delivers a powerhouse solo performance at the ceremony.

The 2017 American Music Awards were packed with more than a dozen amazing performances on Sunday night, but after all the confetti had fallen and Pink was lowered down from the side of that hotel in Los Angeles, Bruno Mars, Keith Urban and Luis Fonsi's "Despacito" were the night's biggest award winners.

Mars wasn't at Los Angeles' Microsoft Theater for the show, but he was the runaway winner with seven total trophies, including Favorite Artist of the Year, with Favorite Male Artist Pop/Rock, Favorite Album Pop/Rock for his smash "24K Magic", Favorite Male Artist Soul/R&B, Favorite Album Soul/R&B, Video of the Year and Favorite Song Soul/R&B for "That's What I Like". Urban was just behind with a hat trick including Favorite Male Artist - Country, as well as Favorite Country Album ("Ricord") and Favorite Country Song ("Blue Ain't Your Color").

Fonsi, Daddy Yankee and Justin Bieber were amply rewarded for launching one of the biggest singles in Latin crossover history with their uber-smash remix of "Despacito", which won Favorite Song Pop/Rock and Collaboration of the year.

The night of incredible performances began with a touching tribute to the first responders and heroes who've helped the nation weather a year of disasters, from flood and hurricanes to mass shootings,

with Pink and Kelly Clarkson teaming up for the first time to perform R.E.M.'s iconic "Everybody Hurts". From host Tracee Ellis Ross' inspiring, funny opening monologue to Demi Lovato's woman-power-fueled "Sorry Not Sorry", the night frequently shone a spotlight on the power of strong women's voices.

Other performers included Nick Jonas, Hailee Steinfeld with Alessia and Florida Georgia Line, Shawn Mendes, Macklemore and Skylar Grey, Portugal. The Man, Zedd with Alessia Cara, Khalid & Imagine Dragons, Lady Gaga, a high-flying solo performance from Pink, Niall Horan, Clarkson, a medley from lifetime achievement honoree Diana Ross and the scream-inducing AMA debut of K-pop superstars BTS. The show also featured the TV debut of Selena Gomez and Marshmello's "Wolves", and Christina Aguilera's thrilling tribute to the 25th anniversary of Whitney Houston's soundtrack for "The Bodyguard".

Imagine Dragons took the first award of the night for Favorite Duo or Group Pop/Rock for their song "Thunder".

Though he wasn't on hand to accept, Mars checked in from the back seat of a minivan to collect his Artist of the Year honor. Following in the footsteps of his former 1D bandmate Zayn, Niall Horan won New Artist of the Year trophy, while Favorite Rap/Hip-Hop Song went to DJ

Khaled's gang smash "I'm the One", Drake scored Favorite Artist Rap/Hip-Hop and Kendrick Lamar's "DAMN" nabbed Favorite Album Rap/Hip-Hop.

The Chainsmokers were handed Favorite EDM artist, Shawn Mendes earned Favorite Adult Contemporary Artist and Carrie Underwood took Favorite Female Artist Country. Favorite Pop/Rock Female Artist went to Lady Gaga, who accepted the award from the stage of her show in Washington DC. An on-tour Fonsi dedicated his win to his storm-ravaged home Puerto Rico. In one of the show's more touching moments, three members of Linkin Park took the stage to accept the trophy for Favorite Alternative Artist. Missing, of course, was late lead singer Chester Bennington, who died in July at age 41. "We want to dedicate this award to him, to his memory, to his talent, to his sense of humor, to his joy," Mike Shinoda said of Bennington.

Other winners included Little Big Town for Favorite Duo or Group Country, Beyoncé for Favorite Female Artist Soul/R&B, Coldplay for Favorite Tour of the Year, Shakira for Favorite Artist Latin, the Moana album for Top Soundtrack and Lauren Daigle for Favorite Artist Contemporary Inspirational.

Source: Billboard

## Padmavati release deferred amid growing uproar

Viacom18, producers of Sanjay Leela Bhansali's period drama "Padmavati", say they have voluntarily deferred the film's release date. The film was set to hit the screens on December 1.

The company emphasised its "respect and regard for the law of the land and all our institutions and statutory bodies including the Central Board of Film Certification" in the statement.

A new release date will be announced once the "requisite clearances" are in place, the production house added, according to Times of India.

The period drama, starring Deepika Padukone, Ranveer Singh and Shahid Kapoor, has been facing massive agitation from various groups, including Shri Rajput Karni Sena, which alleged that the film distorts history and falsely portrays a relationship between Rajput queen Padmavati and Muslim ruler Alauddin Khilji.

Director Sanjay Leela Bhansali had sought to clear the air about the alleged romance between queen Padmavati and Khilji, saying he was careful in depicting the "Rajput honour and dignity" in the film. The producers had also arranged a private screening of the movie and invited those concerned regarding the film's content, but the agitating Rajput outfits remained unappeased.

Moreover, Censor Board chief Prasoon Joshi had slammed the makers for allowing the film to be screened before obtaining a

certificate from the board. On Friday, the CBFC had sent the film back to the producer as the application for the certification was "incomplete".

The Karni Sena had called for a country-wide "bandh" (strike) on December 1 to protest the release of Padmavati. The fringe outfit had also threatened Bhansali and Padukone with physical harm for defending the film. The Kshatriya Samaj announced a reward of Rs 5 crore on beheading Deepika Padukone, while the Akhil Bharatiya



Kshatriya Mahasabha (ABKM) has also put a reward of Rs 1 crore to anyone burning the Bollywood actress alive.

Amidst growing protest over the film, Rajasthan chief minister Vasundhara Raje had written to the Centre on Saturday, seeking "necessary changes" in the movie before its release, so that "sentiments of any community are not hurt."

Source: TOI



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7. Yeasmin Liza Khan, Banani
8. Fahima Hoque, Mohammadpur
9. Wasimul Akram Maruf, Mohakhali DOHS
10. Wazidul Alif Sana, Gulshan