



TANJIN TISHA

The busy birthday girl

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Sensational actor and model Tanjin Tisha has been busy gearing up for Eid ul Fitr. Even though today marks a special day for the artiste, she is unable to take time off to celebrate it properly. *The Daily Star* catches up with the diva on her birthday to know about her plans, Eid ventures and more.

We wish you a very happy birthday! What are your plans today?

Tisha: Thank you so much! My parents were really looking forward to celebrating my birthday in a grand way, with a large gathering of friends and family. However, I've had to postpone it because I need to be filming today for a tele-fiction by Shihab Shahin. I do have plans to go home before Iftar time, and break my fast with my family.

How excited are you usually on your birthday?

Tisha: I feel that nothing beats the excitement that I felt during my childhood. If only I could turn back time! But it makes me really happy to see how excited my sisters are on my behalf (laughs).

How do you plan to respond to your fans and well wishers today?

Tisha: I get a lot of wishes on Facebook from my fans, which is something I am really looking forward to. However, it's not possible for me to respond to each and everyone, but I really appreciate the kind gestures and love that I receive throughout the day.

How busy are you with Eid ventures?

Tisha: I am incredibly busy, but I am not sure how many of them will be released on the day of Eid. I am acting in three tele-fictions directed by Mabrur Rashid Bannah, one by Shihab Shahin, and one by Mizanur Rahman. There's more pending work after all this as well.

Shaon

collaborates with Nachiketa Chakraborty



SHABABA IQBAL

Prominent actor and director Meher Afroz Shaon has lent her voice to a song composed by singer-songwriter Nachiketa Chakraborty for the first time.

Known for the wide range of characters she has portrayed on both the small and silver screen over the years, Shaon also loves singing.

Zulfiqer Russel is the lyricist of the song, while Tunai Debasish Ganguly has done the music arrangement.

Shaon says, "I am happy that I worked on a song that has such beautiful lyrics and melody," adding that collaborating with the renowned musician has been one of the most enjoyable experiences for her.



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Tazin Ahmed passes away

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Renowned actor Tazin Ahmed passed away at 4:15 pm yesterday at Regent Hospital due to a cardiac arrest. The news was confirmed by The General Secretary of the Actors' Equity Bangladesh, Ahsan Habib Nasim. The beloved actor was known for making a mark in many fields as a theatre and television actor, journalist, playwright, TV anchor and director in a career that spanned over 15 years. She first came into the limelight with *Adekh Bhobon* in 2004, directed by Humayun Ahmed. For the past two years, she had been hosting *71 er Shokaal* on Ekattor Tv. "I am having a hard time believing this," says veteran actor Mamunur Rashid. "She acted in numerous plays with my theatre group, Aranyak Nattyadal. I cannot believe she passed away at such a young age." Media personalities including Azizul Hakim, Masum Reza, Rawnak Hasan and Shahana Khushi also expressed their grief on the sudden demise of the actor. Tazin Ahmed's last televised tele-fiction was *Noashal*, directed by Mir Sabbir. The Daily Star family extends its condolences to the family of the departed soul.

Asif Akbar and Kornea duet for the second time



Asif Akbar has been a juggernaut in the Bangladeshi music industry for a long time now. The noted singer impressed last year with *Ki Kore Tokey Bujhai*, a duet with popular young singer Kornea. The duo is now back with *Ekbar Chuye Ja Hridoy*. The song was written by Mehedi Hasan Limon, composed by Nazir Mahmud and directed by Mushfiq Litu. "People loved it when I paired up with Kornea for the first time," says Asif Akbar,

"and I am sure that they will love *Ekbar Chuye Ja Hridoy*. Kornea has done amazing work as a vocalist for this song." The song will release under the banner of Dhruba Music Station and will be available on multiple platforms from May 31 onwards. The music video will also be uploaded on YouTube on the same day.

Source: Dhruba Music Station

Alpana Habib launches cookbook

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It was a childhood dream come true for Alpana Habib when she launched her long-awaited cook book - *Alpana's Cooking* on May 13. The event was hosted by Zara and Naveed Mahbub, and they brought unbound joy and laughter to the night. The panel of speakers starred an ensemble of eminent women in Bangladesh such as Taslima Hossain, Editor of *Ananya Magazine*; Sadya Afreen Mallick, Chief of Cultural

Initiatives, *The Daily Star*; Nilufar Farooq, Managing Director of Ikebana; and most importantly, Alpana Habib's mother Dr. Afzalun Nessa. The chief guest of the night was actor and MP Asaduzzaman Noor, hon'ble Minister of Cultural Affairs.

"My passion for cooking started when my father fell ill, and all I wanted to do was prepare the best meals for him," says Habib.

The 550 page cook book is available both in Bangla and English. Alpana Habib kept her diverse

YouTube subscribers in mind and mentioned that this easy-to-prepare cookbook was her legacy.

Priced at Tk 2,500, this book is meant to not only broaden one's cooking horizons, but also act as the much needed modern collection of Bangladeshi cuisine.

You can get this delightful title from these places: Aarong, The Book Worm, Bread and Beyond bakery, Stardust and rokromari.com. Visit www.alpanahabib.com for more information.



3rd from Left, Taslima Hossain, Editor of *Ananya Magazine*; Alpana Habib, author of the book; Afzalun Nessa, mother of the author; Asaduzzaman Nur, Cultural Affairs Minister; Nilufar Farooq, Managing Director of Ikebana; Sadya Afreen Mallick, Chief of Cultural Initiatives, *The Daily Star*; and Syed Ahsan Habib, publisher of the book and husband of the author.

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The Obamas teaming up with Netflix

Barack and Michelle Obama have signed a multi-year agreement with Netflix to produce films and TV shows. The former US President and First Lady will produce a wide range of scripted series, unscripted series, docu-series, documentaries and features for the streaming service under their company, Higher Ground Productions.

Netflix Chief Content Officer Ted Sarandos has said that the Obamas are among the world's most respected and highly recognised public figures, and they are uniquely positioned to highlight stories of people who make a difference in their communities and strive to change the world for the better.

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