



EMON

the entertainer

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Before setting foot into acting, Emon made a name for himself in the modeling world. Since then, the artiste has captured the hearts of many across the nation, thanks to his array of roles both on the small and silver screen. This Eid, the actor will be seen in several special television programmes. He takes out some time to speak to The Daily Star about his latest projects.

Even though you are known for acting in films, you have done quite a few television projects. Why so?
Emon: I enjoy acting in films, but many television directors frequently approach me with good projects. Especially during Eid, every director wants to put out quality entertainment. I feel fortunate to be a part of so many different great projects during the season.

Tell us about your Eid projects.
Emon: I have finished shooting for a seven-episode telefilm called *Bhalobasha Tomar Amar*. I have also wrapped up two telefilms called *Roddure Likhechhi Tomar Naam* and *Potrait*. I shot for a telefilm in Cox's Bazar as well. I have worked with director Ferdous Hasan Rana and actors Purnima and Monalisa this Eid.

What are some films that you are working on at the moment?
Emon: Presently, I am shooting for *Paap Kahini*, *Shahoshi Joddha*, and *Amar Shidhaanto*. I am also working on a film from Kolkata called *Cinemar Shob Choritro Kaalponik*.

What are your aspirations, in terms of the type of cinema that you want to work on?
Emon: I describe myself as a fan of Bangladeshi cinema. I want to be part of projects that will help me grow and evolve as an artiste, while at the same time take the industry forward. People still talk about *Lal Tip* and *Podmo Patar Jol*, so I want to continue entertaining my audience with films of the same caliber as those.

What are your plans for Eid?
Emon: I will spend time with my family. Every year on Eid, my mom cooks *polao*, which I look forward to. I also love having my wife's special tandoori chicken! A few days after Eid, I plan to go abroad, on vacation, with my family.

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'Made in Bangladesh'

A story of women in the garment industry

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Bangladeshi filmmaker Rubaiyat Hossain recently finished shooting for her new film *Made in Bangladesh*. The shoot took place in Dhaka and Gazipur. After *Meherjaan* and *Under Construction* this is her third feature film that reflects the strength and success of the working women in the RMG industry of Bangladesh.

Jointly produced by France, Denmark, Portugal and Bangladesh, the film was backed by international grants such as CNC, Eurimages and the Sørfond+ and Danish Film Institute fund. Last year the script was awarded the Arte International cash prize at Locarno Film Festival's Open Door's Hub.

The film has also been financed by Pyramid Films and Pyramid International, respectively the French distributor and the international sales agent of the film.

The main cast of the film includes Rikita Nandini Shimu, Deepanwita Martin, Mayabe Rahman, Novera Rahman and Parvin Paru. It also stars Mostafa Monwar, Shatabdi Wadood, Jayraj, Momena Chowdhury, Wahida Mallik Joly and Samina Lutfu. There are guest appearances by Shahana Goswami from India and Mita Chowdhury.

The main crew of the film includes Sabine Lancelin (director of the photography), Barakat Hossain Palash (camera operator), Elisha Albert (sound recordist), Paolo de Silva (gaffer), Jonaki Bhattacharya (production designer), Rajib Rafe (chief assistant director), Mahde Hasan (assistant director), Aadnan Imtiaz Ahmed (executive producer) and Aung Rakhine (executive producer).

Made under the banner of Khona Talkies and Les Films de l'Après-Midi, the film is expected to release in 2019.

'Ishh', Imran!

AL HAQ

Imran Mahmudul has been one of the most sought after singers in the industry for quite a while now. His latest venture, a music video for this Eid, is nothing less than promising. The track titled *Ishh* was penned by Snehashish Ghosh, while Imran himself tuned and composed the song. Actor Koushani Mukherjee from West Bengal will be seen in the video opposite Imran. The audio will be released under Dhruva Music Station (DMS). Shot across various locations in Kolkata under the direction of Sushovan Das, the music video was choreographed by Sandy.

Imran mentioned that he has been working on the track for the last five months as he admires the lyric. He tried to add a contemporary touch to the song and is rather optimistic about it. According to DMS, the video will be released on their YouTube channel on June 7. Besides, listeners can also get it on the DMS website, GP Music and Banglalink Vibe.



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SAHANA BAJPAIE

to receive 'The Bengal's Pride' award today

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Renowned singer and Rabindra Sangeet exponent Sahana Bajpaie has been honoured with 'The Bengal's Pride' award, which will be conferred to her at The House of Commons, United Kingdom Parliament today. The Bengal's Pride award is the first of its kind to recognise and honour extraordinary achievements of the Bengali diaspora in the UK as well as the Bengali community in India and Bangladesh. It is hosted by Asian Voice and Gujarat Samachar, which are UK's oldest and leading news-weeklies for the British Asian community. "I am honoured to be chosen for this award, and I thank everyone for supporting me throughout my career," says Sahana.

Shwapnil and Battery Dance collaborate for 'The Dreamer'

SADI MOHAMMAD SHAHNEWAZ

A new musical titled *The Dreamer* is soon to grace us as talented singer Shwapnil Shojib channels the spirit of Tagore and collaborates with New York-based dance company, Battery Dance. The video is being produced by Bengal Multimedia and RTV, with special support from the US Embassy in Dhaka. The artistes will recreate one of Rabindranath Tagore's immortal creations, *Purano Shei Diner Kotha*. The artistic director of the musical is Jonathan Hollander, an internationally renowned choreographer. The dancers who will take part in the video are Robin Cantrell, Mira Cook, Bethany Mitchell, Sean Scantlebury and Unnath Hassan Rathnaraju. "I am very grateful to have been able to collaborate with such wonderful performers," says Shwapnil, "and I am confident that people will love this video." According to Shwapnil, the video is based on a story-driven narrative where a young man sees the American dance troupe practicing in their hall, and imagines them dancing along with his song. The video's concept was penned by Syed Ashikur Rahman, CEO of RTV and it will release on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.



Ye Liang, CEO and Chairman of Linkus, presenting his opening speech.

Linkus – a new digital entertainment platform

Linkus is a recently launched digital entertainment and Live streaming app. This initiative is an FDI from China by Linkus Network Technology Bangladesh Limited.

Linkus is a social networking site, where everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy content related to lifestyle, news, and entertainment. This app will also help people to communicate easily with friends and loved ones. This app is designed to give latest updates of important traffic spots as well.

Through the live streaming option of the app, users will also be able to find and watch different celebrity programmes, sports, songs, and photos. The app will also have talent and job hunt programmes for young individuals. Linkus has also made a video with Apu Biswas for Syria.

Linkus has just started its journey with the vision of connecting people to create positive impacts on the entertainment industry of Bangladesh. Users can download Linkus from Google play and Apple store. Visit www.linkuslive.com for more details.

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