

WHAT'S ON

Dinner and Musical Evening
 Title: Vegan Supper Club Event
 Venue: Gourmet Bazar Banani
 Date: August 4
 Time: 7pm




Awareness Campaign
 Title: BYLC Running with Purpose
 Venue: Hatirjheel
 Date: August 3
 Time: 5:30am



Concert
 Title: 10 Years of the Armeen Musa Band
 Venue: Jatra Biroti
 Date: August 17
 Time: 7-10:30pm



Photography Exhibition
 Title: A Thousand Words 2018
 Venue: Gallery Chitrak
 Date: August 10 - 11
 Time: 12pm



Theatre
 Title: 12 Angry Men - 11th Show
 Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
 Date: August 5
 Time: 7:30pm - 9pm



Mahi's new 'Obotar'

SHAH ALAM SHAZI

With her hard work, dedication and charm, Mahiya Mahi gained immense popularity in the Bangladeshi film industry in a short span of time. After her breakthrough performance in *Bhalobasha Rong*, she has earned a huge fan base. The actor is now spending her days



filming various projects. Mahiya Mahi's new film, *Obotar*, is directed by Hasan Sikder. Mahi, with her co-star Rusho and the entire cast, is currently shooting in Shafipur, Gazipur. In *Obotar*, Mahi will be seen as a medical student. The story revolves around how one girl takes on all the responsibilities after her brother passes away leading an anti-drug movement. Amin Khan will play Mahi's brother in the film. *Obotar* has four songs in it - two of which are done being filmed. The cast and crew are now staying in Shafipur for the filming of another song. Mahi will also star in the film *VIP*. For the first time, she will be seen opposite singer Asif Akbar. Her Eid projects sound as exciting as her other works. After 2015's smash hit *Agnee 2*, she is now working on two films titled *Jannat* and *Mone Rekho* for the upcoming Eid. Actor Symon and Nabi Sengupta from Kolkata are her co-stars. Her previous films *Dhaka Attack* and *Poloke Poloke* were successful at the box-office. She has done two other films titled *Pobitro Bhalobasha* and *Mon Debo Mon Nebo*.

Face to face with ALIF ALAUDDIN



PRIYANKA CHOWDHURY

As she belongs to a musical family, music comes naturally to one of the country's most well known female vocalists, Alif Alauddin. She recently released a video of her new solo, 'Jantrik Bastobota', which was received with much fanfare. In a conversation with *The Daily Star*, the artiste opens up about her songs, the state of the music industry and more.

When did you decide to make a music video of your solo, 'Jantrik Bastobota'?
 The song was first released on the 'Gaan' app for streaming exclusively. Coincidentally, my friend Lusha Mirza from Dhooli had mentioned that she was looking for a new song. That's when I agreed to give it to her for the video. The video was directed by Yamin Elan, who is a brilliant maker. We shot in Pubail for two days, and it was an interesting experience. Elan's work is organised and he created a beautiful video, even in such a tight schedule. **Tell us what inspired you to sing this song.**
 The lyric and tune of the song is different, and I never sang anything like this before. Mark Don, who tuned and composed the song approached me with it as he thought my voice would suit the composition. The song has been

written by Tasmina Pinky. Although I have not met pinky yet, I thought the lyric was very interesting and time-appropriate. The symbolic approach to life's challenges is overt in the song. I enjoy working with new musicians; they always create music with fresh ideas. **Do you remember your first experience of recording a song?**
 (Laughs) It was around 1997, I think I was in class nine. *Abbu* (legendary singer Alauddin Ali) told me that he had a song for me. Honestly, I did not feel anything as I probably lacked sincerity in music at that time. It was quite whimsical for me. **What do you feel about the new vocalists in the music scene now?**
 The industry is quite segmented now. What we had was for the masses, but now musicians

can cater to a niche audience. They are doing extremely well, but I feel that they lack the patience. They are going more after the name and fame than preparing themselves as good musicians. If you put yourself to practice, eventually name and fame will follow. Now that live concerts are slowly coming back, it will give them opportunities to perform better. **Any thoughts on the music distribution sector?**
 We have many platforms at the moment, but unfortunately, the promotion and distribution is not up to the mark. Only a couple of names are promoted by the production companies. However, there are many talented musicians and brilliant songs that go unseen. Songs are not reaching out to its audience. Artistes themselves are taking the responsibility as a solution.

Bangladesh National Museum pay tribute to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK
 For Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's 43rd death anniversary, Bangladesh National Museum has arranged a month-long programme with exhibition, recitation and seminar based on Bangabandhu Sheikh

Mujibur Rahman. Yesterday, the event was inaugurated at 5pm at *Sufia Kamal Auditorium*, Bangladesh National Museum. *Asaduzzaman Noor*, Minister of Cultural Affairs of the Government of Bangladesh, was the chief guest of the event.



Folk music mesmerises at Buriganga

Last month on July 26, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy organised *Shilper Shohor Dhaka*. Various performance artists performed in different places of the city. A part of *Shilper Shohor Dhaka* took place at Buriganga on July 31, where Folk Songs were performed from 3pm to 6pm on the boats of Sadarghat Launch Terminal.

SOURCE: BSA



Fans excited for Aishwarya and Abhishek's 'Gulab Jamun'

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 Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and Abhishek Bachchan are finally going to share screen space after eight long years in a film titled *Gulab Jamun*. The film will be directed by Sarvesh Mewara and produced by Anurag Kashyap. Of late, the couple have been busy with their individual projects. While Abhishek got back to films after a hiatus with Anurag Kashyap directorial,

Manmarziyan, Aishwarya has been working on *Fanney Khan* with Anil Kapoor and Rajkumar Rao. The latter is set for release this month while *Manmarziyan* is set to be shown at Toronto International Film Festival. Aishwarya believes *Gulab Jamun* has a beautiful story and is excited to work with her husband in the film. Aishwarya and Abhishek have previously starred in *Guru*, *Dhoom 2* and *Umrao Jaan* among others.



Kylie Jenner & Travis Scott to tie the knot?

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Despite rumours of Kylie Jenner and Travis Scott's break up surfacing over tabloids for the past few days, the truth may be far from it. The couple is reportedly closer than ever after having a baby, and Travis is planning to propose Kylie in what will be one of the most talked about marriages of the decade. August 10 will mark Kylie Jenner's 21st birthday, and might as well be the day the two decide to walk down the aisle!

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