

# Hopeful Ilias

Bangladesh National Film Award winning actor Ilias Kanchan has recently expressed his optimism about the future of our cinema industry. While speaking as the special guest at the inauguration ceremony of a production company, *Cinebaaz*, the Dhaliwood veteran said, "No one can love the masses as we, the showbiz people, do, because we love the people the

way they love us. Hopefully the industry is turning around, and soon the prevalent darkness will be overpowered by the light of our successes." On acting front, Kanchan was last seen in the Iftekhar Chowdhury directed film *Bijli*. Apart from his acting pursuits, Kanchan is busy these days creating road safety awareness through the organization *Nirapad Sarak Chai*.



# Airin's Tollywood Venture

Dhaliwood actor Airin Sultana will now be seen in a Kolkata movie, titled *Shivratri*. The film will be directed by Rajadeep Bandyopadhyay. Shooting for the film will start in India's Purulia, and the shooting will continue there for the next few days. Regarding this project Airin said, "It is a big achievement for my career. I got the opportunity to work in this film, though my performance in *Ek Kobir Mrittu*. It felt great to have gotten a new role, due my good

performance in another movie." Airin's films are also awaiting release in Dhaka. Among them are, Jahan Jhantu directed *Akash Mohol*, Bulbul Jilani's *Roudra Chhaya*, Harun-uz-Zaman's *Padmar Prem* and Aronno Palash's, *Gontobbo*.



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# SIAM'S THRILLER

Popular actor Siam will be seen next in M Rahman's new directorial venture, *Shaan*. He will be sharing screen space with former co-actor Puja Cherry and *Dhaka Attack*'s Taskeen, in this action flick. Siam said, "I have started the year with *Shaan*. Its an action-thriller, where I will be seen playing the role of a member of the special branch. I am currently preparing myself for this new role, while also learning more about how to act in fight scenes. Shooting will start from May 20 and will continue for a month. Overall, I can say, its going to be an entertaining film." Siam had previously been seen in three movies, including *Poramon 2*, *Dohon* and *Fagun Hawa*.