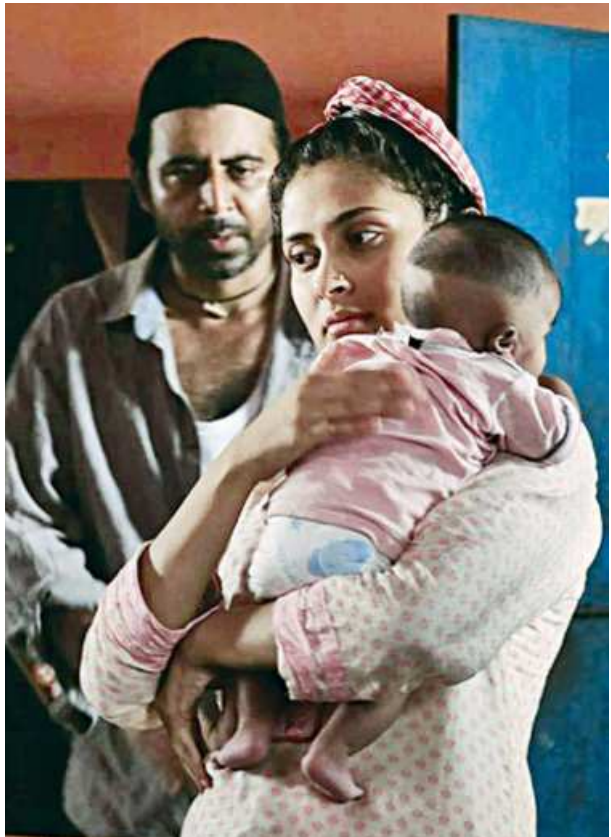




Bangladeshi Gladiators



Ei Shohore

Exciting Eid ul Adha specials on television

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With multiple channels airing exciting programmes throughout the festive season of Eid ul Adha, *The Daily Star* highlights on a compilation of some of the most delightful upcoming shows on TV. Similar to a feature that was published previously, this too, follows up on some of the best programmes that our channels have to offer to the audience today.

The telefilm, *Ei Shohore*, written and directed by Ashfaq Nipun, will be aired on NTV at 2:30 pm. It stars Mehazabien Chowdhury and Afran Nisho among others.

The game show, *Bangladeshi Gladiators*, produced especially for Eid ul Adha, celebrates young people and their indomitable courage and competitive spirit, as



Alpha



Jomidaar

participants go through several difficult and thrilling challenges. It is produced by Khandaker Shahadat Hossain and hosted by Shafayat Mahmud Fuad. The fifth episode of the show will be aired on SA TV at 5:30 pm.

The Nasiruddin Yousuff directorial *Alpha* will have its television premiere on Channel i at 10:15 pm. *Alpha* stars Doyel, A T M Shamsuzzaman, Mostafizur Noor Imran, and Heera Chowdhury, among others. The film is produced by Faridur Reza Sagar and Esha Yousuff, under the banner of Impress Telefilm. It is edited by Catherine Masud.

The telefilm, *Jomidaar*, written and directed by SA Haque Alik will be aired on Banglavisat at 2:10 pm. It stars Riaz, Salahuddin Lavlu, and Sabnam Faria among others.



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Renowned singer Kona has tied the knot with businessperson Golam M Iftekhar, also known as Gohin. Although the couple were officially

married in presence of family on April 21, the news has come out just recently. In response to how it feels to be married, Kona says, "Honestly, I don't feel any different. We have known each other for quite a while now." Even

though there were rumours of the two marrying circulating for a while, Kona's affirmation puts all of them to rest. *The Daily Star* family congratulates the couple and wishes them a beautiful journey ahead.

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Little Women

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The first trailer of Greta Gerwig's adaptation of *Little Women* has just released and it looks as promising as ever.

Based on Louisa May Alcott's 1868 novel, this literary classic tells the story of the four March sisters—Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy, as each of them are determined

to live life on her own terms. Set in the aftermath of the American Civil War, this semiautobiographical novel is a tale of love, growth, sacrifice and independence. So far there has been a good number of adaptations of the work including films, stage dramas, TV and anime series etc. This would be the 8th movie adaptation of the novel.

Gerwig crafted the movie that draws

on both the novel and writings by Louisa May Alcott. The movie stars Saoirse Ronan as the author's alter ego—Jo, Emma Watson as Meg, Eliza Scanlen as Beth, Florence Pugh as Amy, Laura Dern as Marmee, Meryl Streep as Aunt March, and Timothee Chalamet as Laurie among others.

The movie is set to be released on 25th December, 2019.

PURNIMA'S upcoming endeavours

Purnima is inarguably one of the most prolific Bangladeshi actors to have graced the silver screen till date. Boasting a career spanning over 20 years, she has entertained the audience with numerous blockbusters, as well as performances as a television actor and an emcee. The Daily Star recently caught up with the veteran actor for a chat about her upcoming films, her latest telefilm, and more.

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SHAH ALAM SHAZU

You recently acted in a telefilm for Eid ul Fitr. Tell us a little bit about it.

Honestly, I only choose to act in telefilms when the story and the character strike a chord with me. The telefilm I did this Eid ul Fitr was no different. The telefilm, titled *Sublet*, co-starring Apurba, was directed by Mizanur Rahman Aryan.

Could you divulge a few details about the character you played in Sublet?

I don't want to divulge much. The title of the telefilm is quite self-explanatory. I play the landlord's character, whereas Apurba plays the role of a tenant. I don't want to say any more than that. The audience can tune in to Bangla Vision on the 5th day of Eid ul Fitr, at 9 pm to watch the telefilm.

Did you act in any other projects this Eid ul Fitr?

No, *Sublet* was the only project I committed myself to. I am really hopeful that the audience will respond well to this telefilm.

According to reports, you are working in two upcoming films. How far along are those projects?

We have completed filming for the movie *Jam*, but are yet to finish dubbing. We are scheduled to resume filming for the other movie, *Gangchil*, after the Eid ul Fitr holidays. I have a few other offers lined up. But, for now, I am committed to these two films.

Where are you spending the Eid ul Fitr holidays?

I am staying in Dhaka. Since I don't take up too many projects simultaneously these days, it is easier to manage holidays. I am just focusing on spending time with my family this time around.

What were your Eid celebrations like growing up?

Eid celebrations during my childhood were some of the most wonderful moments in my life, as it is for a lot of people. Eid festivities meant new clothes, delicious food and having fun with family. Those memories will remain etched in my heart forever.

Are you hosting any upcoming shows?

Not at the moment. I have completed the show *Ebong Purnima*. It was quite a success. I have been receiving offers to host new things, but haven't committed to anything yet. Right now, I am only taking up some occasional stage shows now and then.