

## Pori Moni announces marriage to Sariful Razz Couple expecting first child

**Pori Moni shook the entire entertainment industry yesterday, by not only announcing her marriage to actor Sariful Islam Razz, but also confirming that they are expecting their first child.**

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The actress herself confirmed the news to The Daily Star. "Nothing can be more joyful than this," she said. "I feel like I am floating in the wind."

Pori Moni further said that she tied the knot to Razz on October 17, while shooting for Gias Uddin Selim's forthcoming feature film "Gunin". At the same time, Sariful Razz posted on his social media, thanking Pori, and congratulating himself for being a father.

Rumours of the couple dating circulated online during that time, when they were seen spending time and taking many pictures together. On Pori's birthday on October 24, 2021, they were spotted being intimate with each other.

Pori Moni also told the media that she is going to take a year-long break, in order to take care of the child.

"While shooting for the film, they fell in love and tied the knot," says Gias Uddin Selim. "A while ago, they came to visit me with sweets to announce that they are expecting their first child."

"I pray for their child and a happy future," added Selim.



## Asaduzzaman Noor returns to radio after 30 years

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Eminent actor and Member of Parliament Asaduzzaman Noor is set to come back on radio with the drama, "Tahar Kotha", after 30 years. He will play the role of a school teacher in the production.

Asaduzzaman Noor has been a listed radio artiste for a long time. "I was an active performer on radio in my initial days, and loved it as much as I loved theatre," he shares. "However, after the

Bangladesh Betar office shifted from Shahbag to Agargaon, I started getting detached from it."

The actor also shares how radio had a lot of listeners back in the day. "I started becoming more involved with television and theatre. Slowly, the small interval became a long gap of three decades. Nevertheless, I am finally back and it feels great," he adds.

"Tahar Kotha", the Syeda Farida Ferdousi Jatri directorial, is written by Parimal Sarkar. It will air on January 12.



## 'People have been messaging my grandmother about Atrangi Re'

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Bollywood actress Sara Ali Khan said that her father, Saif Ali Khan, cried after watching her latest film, "Atrangi Re". She also revealed that her grandmother, Sharmila Tagore, has been receiving words of praise for her performance, and forwarding those messages on to her.

Sara said that she has never experienced a reaction as positive as this.

## COUNTRYWIDE

### Danger at Kulaura health complex Age-old hospital lies in dilapidated condition

#### OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Sadek Mia recently went to Kulaura Upazila Health for the treatment of his child. But soon an eerie feeling gripped him looking at the bleak surroundings.

The two-storey building is worn out and crumpled.

"When I entered the building, I got panicked. The building might collapse anytime," said Sadek Mia.

His wife Husna Begum said the hospital itself is sick and battered. It needs to be treated first.

Not only Sadek or Husna but also most of the patients coming to the hospital also feel the same, since some 30 rooms inside the building are in most dilapidated conditions.

The building's roof might collapse anytime, feared the officials concerned, adding that they have no other options but to work there as alternatives have not been arranged.

The building has a total of 30 rooms on the first and second floors. These rooms include the emergency department, two wards for male and female patients, a warehouse, a children's ward and offices.

During a recent visit, cracks were found on ceilings and walls. Plasters were seen falling off the walls and water kept on dripping from the ceilings. There were patches of rust on the doors and windows due to a lack of maintenance.

"We need to examine patients, which require time. But I am too scared to stay inside the building," said Resident Medical Officer Dr Zakir Hossain.

According to health department sources, the activities of the health complex started in 1967 in this two-storey building. At that time, it had 31 beds. It was upgraded to 50 beds by constructing another concrete building next to the old building in 2006.

Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer Ferdous Akter said every day about 200 patients come to the hospital for treatment in the emergency and outpatient departments of the health complex.

Monirul Haque, assistant engineer of the Department of Health Engineering in Moulvibazar, said a proposal to renovate the building at a cost of Tk 25 lakh has been initially approved by the higher authorities.



## Aman harvest faces water stagnation problem

#### OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Farmers in Pirojpur and Jhalakathi are facing problem to harvest Aman paddy as most of the paddy plants have remained under rainwater.

The growers said the ripe paddy in large areas of the two districts got damaged as the recent rain caused by Cyclone Jawad caused water stagnation in the fields.

Due to this, they are facing serious troubles in harvesting paddy of the fallen plants in the waterlogged fields, said farmer Nurul Islam of Charkhali village in Pirojpur's Indurkani upazila.

"It takes three to four days to

harvest paddy of fallen plants on one bigha of land while it took only one day to harvest standing paddy on the same land," said Nurul.

Another grower of the village Abdul Halim said labourers are also not showing interest to harvest paddy of fallen plants, much to the worry of farmers.

The farmers added that they store straw of Aman paddy as fodder of domestic cattle. They also use the straw to make roofs of houses.

"But this year we will have to face straw crisis as mostly of them have been damaged due to the rain," said farmer Saiful Islam of Bhajihora

village in Pirojpur Sadar upazila.

The delay of harvesting Aman paddy for over three weeks will also badly delay robi plantation as it will take long time to dry up the fields, he added.

"This year we are anxious of being delayed of robi crop cultivation for around a month," said another farmer Mohammad Ali from the same village.

SK Tayebur Rahman, agriculture extension officer in Indurkani upazila, said the natural disaster has caused damage to average 30 percent mature Aman paddy of the upazila. It has also caused huge damage

to robi crops as mostly lentil plants grown in the Aman paddy fields got damaged, he added.

As Aman plantation is being delayed, it will lengthen the process of the plantation of robi crops including boro, said the officer.

According to the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in Pirojpur, this year 61,630 hectares of land in the district have been brought under Aman cultivation.

Meanwhile, 48,000 hectares of land in Jhalakathi have been brought under Aman cultivation, said Md Monirul Islam, deputy director of DAE in Jhalakathi.

