



Misha Sawdagar and Ilias Kanchan pose for a photo.



Nipun accused Zayed Khan of bribing candidates.

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## Election antics at BFDC

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Two completely different scenarios played out yesterday at BFDC and Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy, where Bangladesh Film Artistes Association

At 1 pm during yesterday, nominee Nipun was seen creating a ruckus in front of the media in FDC, claiming that General Secretary nominee Zayed Khan was 'bribing' voters outside the voting centre.

the allegations brought against him.

### Competitors, not enemies

Misha Sawdagar and Ilias Kanchan's panels were wrapped in a harsh war of words before the election. However, they were seen exchanging

### Moushumi, Dipjol and Aruna Biswas break into a chorus

"Haarjit Chirodin Thakbe" is a legendary song voiced by Abida Sultana, and written by Gazi Mazharul Anwar. Moushumi, Aruna Biswas and

made his way into BFDC yesterday at 12:30 pm to cast his vote.

As soon as his car entered through the gate, Ferdous, identified his car and greeted him. Zahid Hasan pulled down the glass of his window, and greeted him back with a big smile on his face.

"Zahid bhai is someone I deeply love. I believe, he feels the same way about me. I ask for his love and blessings, instead of his vote," said Ferdous.

**Hero Alom injured after being jumped by excited 'fans'**  
Hero Alom was injured at the ongoing election of the Film Artiste's Association at BFDC today. However, he has been immediately rescued by the law enforcement.

He claimed that he went there to observe and exchange pleasantries with the participants, before being bombarded by an excited crowd, who were eager to take selfies with him.

Finding no way out, he asked for help, after which law enforcement members helped him out of a potential stampede. He was carried towards his car with the help of the police.



(From left) Members of the Misha-Zayed panel burst out in a musical chorus; Ferdous elated after meeting Zahid Hasan; Hero Alom was injured after being jumped by overeager fans.

and Actors Equity' held their elections respectively. While the latter was quite festive and mellow, the other had no shortage of antics and excitement.

**Zayed Khan 'handing out money under shawl', objects Nipun**

"I got to know that Zayed Khan was handing out money in guise of a handshake, from under his shawl," said Nipun to the media present at the premises.

Zayed Khan, however, denied any of

pleasantries and posing for pictures together during the election.

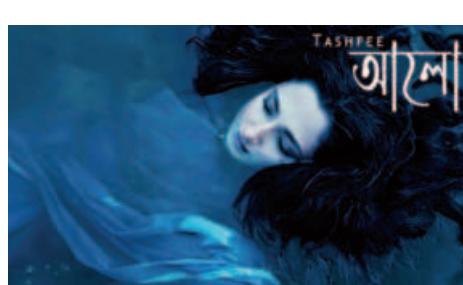
"Ilias Kanchan is like my big brother, and I respect him a lot," said Misha. "The fact that my name is associated with him in this event makes me proud," he said.

Dipjol suddenly broke into a chorus, adding to the 'festive' environment of the election.

**Ferdous would rather have 'love and blessings' than votes**  
Renowned actor Zahid Hasan had

## 'Writing a song about my abuse was the hardest thing I've ever done'

TASHFEE



Sarah Alam in "Alo".

SADI MOHAMMAD SHAHNEWAZ

Few artistes have gone through as many ups and downs as Tashfee, who is often cited as a rising star in Bangladesh's music. Even though she constantly works with industry greats like Fuad Almuqtadir, Tahsan and Arnob, the artiste is on her way to discarding her 'rising' tag with her first 'hit' of the year, 'Alo', in which she voices out about domestic abuse.

**You have publicly stated that 'Alo' was about the abuse that you faced. When did you decide that you were comfortable enough to write it?**

It has been many years since I overcame an abusive relationship, and quite frankly speaking, releasing a song about it was the hardest thing I ever had to do. But you push through for the win, you push through to find the light, the "Alo".

**Why did you decide to name it "Alo"?**

A person who goes through abuse, knows how tenebrous it is. You feel like you have no hope, no dreams, you are a shadow just existing. It feels like this will be your forever reality and you will never be happy again. I named it "Alo", Because coming out of an abusive relationship is like finding light, literally and figuratively. This song is about finding your "Alo", which is within you.

**What message do you want to send through "Alo"?**

Cliche but to put it simply - there is hope out there. Just shine through.

**Who came up with the concept for the music video?**

The video is based on the duality of light vs dark, fire vs water. Darkness is silence, keeping women from expressing themselves. We break through with the light of our truth. Water drowns us, but we break through with the power of the fire that burns within us all. The concept was created by Ilajar Islam, who directed the

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video, and my dear friend Arafat Kazi.

**What are your upcoming projects this year?**

I am calling 2022 my creative year. I have a bunch of original songs tuned and written, ready to go. I also have some collaborations lined up with incredible artists such as Shaker Raza, Sunidhi Nayak, and more. I am also part of a brand new musical film called "Hothat".



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## Ryan Reynolds to have street named after him

Hollywood hunk Ryan Reynolds, who hails from Vancouver, is to be nationally recognised with the opening of 'Ryan Reynolds Way', located in the east end of Ottawa.

"It's clear that Ottawa has a special place in Ryan's heart - and in his honour, I'll be bringing forward a motion later today to have a street named after him. Ryan Reynolds Way will be located in a new subdivision in the east end. Look forward to seeing it open soon," tweeted Jim Watson, the mayor of Ottawa.

The 'Deadpool' star called it an "incredible honour" and joked that in return, he would rename one of his children Ottawa.

## Alia Bhatt's 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' set for release

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Celebrated Indian filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali's much anticipated forthcoming feature film 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' is set to hit theatres on February 25.

The film, starring Alia Bhatt, is inspired by the life of Gangubai Kothewali, known as the 'madam' of a red-light area in Mumbai's Kamathipura. Alia will be portraying the role of Gangubai, considered as one of the most powerful, loved and respected madams during the 1960s.

The plot of the film is based on the book 'Mafia Queens of Mumbai', authored by Hussain Zaidi.

Reportedly, earlier the film was scheduled to release on February 18.

