

# OTT will surpass city boundaries soon

APURBA

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SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Apurba is one of the busiest stars on television. The actor, who took a break for a few days for a vacation abroad, is busy shooting for multiple Eid projects.

In a conversation with The Daily Star, the “Batch 27” actor talked about his upcoming Eid fictions, his favourite character, and more.

**How busy are you with Eid tele-fictions?**  
I have already started shooting for many projects. Last week, I completed shooting for Mohidul Islam’s Eid fiction opposite Mehazabien, and will soon start working on Shihab Shaheen’s comedy drama alongside Sabila Nur this week. I will start shooting for more Eid projects soon.

**Over the last few years, Television has doubled the production of Eid dramas. Is it possible for them to maintain a good quality?**  
The number of television channels have multiplied over the years, and the audiences’ tastes have changed. Nowadays, many good productions are being made, keeping in mind the interests of the audiences. Viewers have many options to choose from, so I don’t think there’s any scope to complain.

**What are your thoughts on the rise of OTT?**  
OTT projects usually have bigger production units and huge budgets, so there is a lot of scope to experiment with the plot. Viewers are able to watch quality, film-level content within the comforts of their home.

I have worked in many web-series and my experience assures me that OTT will surpass the boundaries of city life, and habituate people from rural areas to its

**Throughout your career, you have enacted various roles. Is there any character that you want to play?**  
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## Britney Spears working on new music after 6 years

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Pop star Britney Spears is working on her new music in six years, after breaking free from her 13-year conservatorship battle against her own father.



According to reports by The Sun, Britney Spears and her team are beginning to put “feelers out about the prospect of new music”. The “Toxic” singer has contacted Claude Kelly, who has written a number of hit songs for Britney’s 2008 album ‘Circus’, which also includes ‘Womanizer.’ Britney Spears last album “Glory” was released in 2016.

## SONAM KAPOOR announces pregnancy

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Bollywood actress Sonam Kapoor announced her pregnancy on Instagram. In a post, the actress shared some pictures with her husband Anand Ahuja, showing her baby bump.

Sonam wrote a rhyme – “Four hands. To raise you the very best we can. Two hearts. That will beat in unison with yours, every step of the way. One family. Who will shower you with love and support. We can’t wait to welcome you.” She also informed that they are expecting the baby to arrive in fall, this year.

Sonam last appeared in the 2019 in the film, “The Zoya Factor”, and in a cameo in the Netflix original “AK vs AK” released 2020.



# NEWS

## Why do we

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cause snoring too.

Anatomy may also contribute to snoring. If you have a long soft palate, enlarged adenoids, displaced cartilage in the nose, tonsils or a large tongue, it can be harder for air to flow through your nose and mouth, causing you to snore.

Snoring may run in families. Nasal stuffiness due to allergies or common cold may block airflow causing snoring.

Pregnant women may be more likely to snore due to hormonal changes or weight gain.

Snoring may also be a symptom of obstructive sleep apnea. If you are a heavy snorer, you should check with your physician.

Treatments for snoring include changes in habit like quitting smoking or drinking. Your physician may also ask you to lose weight. Doctors might also suggest minor surgeries to open up your nasal or oral passage enough to prevent snoring.

You may also try remedies like sleeping on your side instead of your back and sticking to a sleep schedule to avoid snoring.

## Jet crashes

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website FlightRadar24, was under investigation.

The airline said it had provided a hotline for relatives of those on board and sent a working group to the site. There were no foreigners on the flight, Chinese state television reported, citing China Eastern.

Media cited a rescue official as saying the plane had disintegrated and caused a fire destroying bamboo trees. The People’s Daily quoted a provincial firefighting department official as saying there was no sign of life among the debris.

## Second round of talks today

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and sent invitations to eminent citizens. We are hoping that all of them would join the dialogue.”

The Daily Star contacted 10 eminent citizens.

Of them, four confirmed joining and one was yet to decide. The remaining five said they would not be able to join for different reasons such as health condition, pre-scheduled appointments and others.

AB Mirza Azizul Islam, former adviser to the caretaker government and noted economist, said, “I will not be able to go to talks. Election is a political issue and I don’t get involved in political discussions. I don’t think I can make any significant contribution by joining.”

Hafizuddin Khan, another former adviser to caretaker government and former bureaucrat, said he will not join talks as it will be difficult for him to give his opinion due to time constraints, as so many people were invited.

“I heard 40 eminent citizens were invited. If they each talk for five minutes, even that will take a long time. It [talks] doesn’t work this way. It would have been better if they had invited four or five people. We could have given our opinions properly. Besides, I also have health issues for

which I cannot join.”

Rasheda K Choudhury, former caretaker government adviser and executive director for Campaign for Popular Education, is currently in the USA and will return Dhaka later this month.

Badiul Alam Majumdar, secretary of Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan), said he will not be able to join talks as he will be in Khulna to attend pre-scheduled programme.

Tofail Ahmed, local governance expert, said, “It won’t be possible for me to join as I am in my home in Chattogram since March 18 and will return to Dhaka on March 24.”

Gonoshasthaya Kendra trustee Zafrullah Chowdhury, former cabinet secretary Ali Imam Majumdar, former University Grants Commission chairman Prof Nazrul Islam and Nijera Kori Coordinator Khushi Kabir, all said that they would be joining the dialogue today, while economist Prof MM Akash yesterday said he was yet to decide as he as programme at the same time of the talks.

The EC’s initiative to hold dialogue received an underwhelming response on the first day – March 13 – as just 13 out of 30 invitees joined.

## BLAST gives pointers to stop character

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150(A) of the act and to repeal section 155(4) of the act.

Mahbuba Akhter, deputy director (advocacy and communications) at BLAST, told The Daily Star yesterday that the organisation will again request the parliamentary committee to place a bill on the amendments suggested by BLAST.

Contacted, Shahiduzzaman Sarker, chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on law ministry, said the committee was yet to analyse the suggestions.

“The cabinet has already approved in principle the Evidence (Amendment) Act 2022. We will study and discuss the suggestions made by BLAST when we have an official meeting.

If the suggestions are relevant, we will include them in the amendment bill,” he said.

The committee will hold a meeting on this issue before the next parliament session.

Law Minister Anisul Huq earlier told The Daily Star that the government will amend sections 155(4) and 146(3) of the Evidence Act, 1872 to prevent questioning of the characters of rape victims in court.

BLAST’s March 10 proposal reads, “53 (A). Evidence of character and past sexual history when not relevant: The evidence about the character of the complainant and their past sexual experiences with any person other than the accused during trial of offences under sections 9 and 10 of the Nari o

Sections 9 and 10 of the Nari o Shishu Nirjatan Daman Ain 2000 and Sections 354, 375, 376, 493 and 509 of the Penal Code, 1860, and complainants of attempts to commit these offences, are not subjected to questions about their character and past sexual history with any person other than the accused.

“If the Court is of the opinion that any Advocate has raised questions to any witness in contravention of Section 53A and Section 146(3)(A) of this Act then it shall report such contravention to the High Court Division or any other competent authority to which such Advocate is subject in the exercise of his profession, and recommend that appropriate disciplinary be taken against him.”

## ‘No question’ of surrender

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and its invasion force has got bogged down.

Ukraine and its Western

backers say Russian ground forces have made few advances in the past week, concentrating their efforts

on artillery and missile strikes – often into urban centres.

The bulk of Russian

forces remain more than 25 km from the centre of the Kyiv, British military intelligence said.

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Invitation of Tender (International) for Replacement of MCC Panel of Bitumen processing plant at ERL

Date: 22/03/2022

1	Ministry/Division	Energy and Mineral Resources Division.		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC).		
3	Purchaser name executing agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) Eastern Refinery Limited (ERL).		
4	Invitation for	Goods and related services.		
5	Invitation Ref No.	28.25.0000.028.07.007.22/ERL		
KEY INFORMATION				
6	Procurement method	One stage two envelope (Technical and Financial)- ICT.		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
7	Budget and source of funds	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation.		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
8	Tender Package No.	ER/E&G/MCC PANEL/ABP/21-22		
9	Tender package name	Replacement of MCC Panel of Bitumen Processing plant at ERL.		
10	Tender publication date	22/03/2022		
11	Tender last selling date	08/05/2022		
		Date	Time	
12	Tender closing date and time	09/05/2022	BST 1500 hrs	
13	Tender opening date and time	09/05/2022	BST 1515 hrs	
14	Name & address of the office(s)	Address		
	-Selling tender document (principal)	Manager (Accounts), Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chittagong 4204, Bangladesh.		
	-Selling tender document (others)	ERL Dhaka Liaison Office, 2nd Floor, YMCA Bhaban, 1/1, Pioneer Road, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.		
	-Receiving tender document	Board Room, Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, Chattogram-4100, Bangladesh.		
	-Opening tender document	Board Room, Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, Chattogram-4100, Bangladesh.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
15	Eligibility of tenderer	As per Tender Data Sheet (Section-2).		
16	Brief description of goods or works	Replacement of MCC Panel of Bitumen Processing Plant at ERL.		
17	Brief description of related services	Supply, Replacement, Testing and Commissioning of MCC Panel of Bitumen Processing Plant at ERL.		
18	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk 3000.00 (three thousand) or US Dollar 35 (thirty-five).		
	Lot	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security (amount in Taka)
	Single	ER/E&G/MCC PANEL/ABP/21-22	Eastern Refinery Ltd.	Tk 4,00,000 (four lac)
				34 weeks
PURCHASER DETAILS				
19	Name of official inviting tender	Engr. Md. Tazul Islam.		
20	Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy General Manager (E & I).		
21	Address of official inviting tender	Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chittagong 4204, Bangladesh.		
22	Contact details of official inviting tender	02333301261-7, Ext-340	+8801554631326	tazul3069@gmail.com
23	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders at any time or stage without assigning any reason whatever and no claim will be entertained in this regard.			

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