

Frustrated with delays on release dates: Mim

RAKSHANDA RAHMAN MISHA

Bidya Sinha Mim is currently busy shooting for her Eid tele-film, alongside Tahsan in Mabruj Rashid Bannah's "We are husband and wife".

Amidst her packed schedules, the "Shap Ludu" actress talked about her upcoming ventures, movies, and more.

You have returned to Eid projects after a year. How does it feel working with Tahsan again?

My last Eid fiction was "Hello Baby", which was released at the end of 2020. After that, there was a huge gap, as I only wanted to work on projects which intrigue me as an artiste.

"We are husband and wife" is the story of the modern-day couple and the usual problems they face on their day-to-day lives. It was a wonderful experience working with Tahsan bhai again. He is an incredible actor, and audiences love seeing us together.

Previously, we worked together in endorsements, but the audience will see something truly special here.

How was your honeymoon in Maldives? Maldives was one of those places that I wanted to visit for the first time with my husband. The trip was something that I will remember for ages.

It was such a surreal experience living in a beautiful small hut amidst the crystal-clear sea. We even had a wonderful candle light dinner, and even caught beautiful coloured fishes during our outing.

Is this your first work after marriage? No, I did a couple of advertisements and a special ad-film for Women's Day, called "Dekhi Dao".

Directed by Mahathir Spondon, the film raises awareness on people's remarks against female attires. Through such ad-films, I want to break the bias holding up against us.

Your last released film was "Shaplu", in 2019. When will "Poran" and "Antarjal" be released in theatres?

I am frustrated with the continuous delays of my movies. They tell me one date, and next thing I know it has been postponed again. I think its best if you ask the directors regarding the theatrical release of the movies.

What are your upcoming projects?

I am currently in talks to star in a movie, which is based on a real-life incident. We will officially inform about the movie soon.



PHOTOS: TAKEN FROM FACEBOOK

Deepika Padukone bags Time100 Impact Award

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Deepika Padukone was recently honoured with a feature in the Time100 Impact Awards.

She has not only proved her mettle in acting, but she is also one of the first Bollywood actresses to disclose her struggle with depression.

The actress took to Instagram and shared a post about being included in the esteemed list of global personalities that made significant contributions in different fields.

The Gehraiyaan star was featured for her work in the mental health space.

The LiveLoveLaugh Foundation, which Padukone launched in 2015, works towards destigmatising mental health struggles and raise awareness. It has seen a tremendous growth over the years.

American actress Courtney Coffey to star opposite Shakib Khan in 'Rajkumar'

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The first look of Shakib Khan's upcoming film, "Rajkumar", directed by Himesh Ashraf, was launched on the superstar's birthday at World Fair Marina Convention Hall, New York.



American Actress Courtney Coffey will share the screen with Shakib Khan in the film. She has appeared in an American television series before. "Rajkumar" is her first Bangladeshi film.

Under the banner of SK Films, the movie is produced by Zakaria Masud and Kazi Riton, both of whom are Bangladeshi expatriates in the USA.

Apart from Bangladesh, it will be released in the USA, UK, Middle East, Canada, and India.

Shooting of the film is expected to run until July. Production teams from India and America are working on it.

COUNTRYWIDE

Authorities blamed for 3 kids dying in landslide

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Three children have fallen victims to mindless soil extraction from hills in Kulaura upazila of Moulvibazar.

A pall of gloom descended at Islamnagar village in Vatera union of the upazila where three children were killed as a large chunk of earth from a hill suddenly fell on them on Saturday.

Locals said mindless hill cutting is responsible for the deaths of the children.

The deceased were Nurul Amin Sumon, 13, son of Tasibur Rahman, Nahid Islam, 12, son of Abdus Salam of Islamnagar village and Kabir Hossain, 7, son of Abdul Karim. The trio died on the spot while they were searching for a bird's nest. All of them were madrasa students.

Victim Sumon's mother Monowara Begum said, "My son is gone. What will I do now? He was my dearest son. After the Zuhur prayers, he left the house without eating rice and he won't return ever."

"Why did I let my son go out that day?" lamented victim Kabir's father Abdul Karim, sobbing uncontrollably. The entire village was mourning the death of the three children.

Kamruzzaman, assistant manager of Vatera Rubber Garden, said soil was being cut freely.

"We don't know who is cutting the soil. However, a sand-filled pickup van was seized 15 days ago," he said.



A pall of gloom descended in Islamnagar village under Vatera union of Moulvibazar's Kulaura upazila following the deaths of three children. Villagers live in fear of landslides because of unabated razing of hills, however, no effective administrative actions have yet to be taken to curb the menace.

PHOTO: STAR

Dhaka, UN seek to raise \$881m

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reforestation and energy interventions.

Hyde said the solutions to the Rohingya crisis ultimately lie within Myanmar, but steadfast support from the international community is crucial to delivering

lifesaving protection and assistance services for the refugees until they can return to Myanmar.

At the launch, Shahriar Alam, state minister for foreign affairs, said the international community, including the UN, must intensify their focus on

the permanent solution -- the sustainable return and reintegration of Rohingyas in Myanmar.

"We urge the international community to do everything possible to arrange their [the Rohingya refugees'] early, voluntary and sustainable repatriation," he said.

Tk 179,198cr lost

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About 24 lakh people got sick or injured during the period, leading to medical bills amounting to Tk 3,942 crore.

Of them, about 15 lakhs were children. They were affected by diarrhoea, dysentery, skin disease, jaundice and many more.

During disasters, people have to depend on pharmacies and village doctors for treatment, the study said, adding that

only 14 percent managed to get the services of MBBS doctors at that time.

The lowest income group of disaster-prone areas is 10 times more vulnerable than the top quintile in exposure to damage and loss.

About 49 percent of people were getting electricity as the main source of lighting in 2015, which rose to 94 percent in 2020. The toilet facilities and safe drinking water facilities improved during the year.

However, in the same period, the knowledge and

perception about climate change rose 5 percentage points since 2015, standing at 60 percent. In 2015, 38 percent did not know about climate change; that came down to 23 percent in 2020.

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Political affiliations

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Education Minister Dipu Moni said, "There are criticisms about the activities of some of the vice chancellors... And action is being taken against them. But it would not be wise to make wholesale comments regarding all vice chancellors."

The minister placed the "Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Rahman University of Science and Technology, Pirojpur Bill-2022" in parliament yesterday.

Opposition lawmakers demanded the bill be withdrawn and sent to the selection committee to solicit public opinion.

BNP lawmaker Harunur Rashid said the government is founding public universities one after another. "But what state are the universities in? In some cases, vice chancellors

needed police protection to leave the campus. Scandalous information regarding the appointment of RUET [Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology] VC has surfaced."

Qualified educationists should be appointed as VCs, he added.

The quality of education has deteriorated, he further said, adding that no teacher or employee has been recruited in schools and colleges in the last 10 to 15 years without the exchange of bribes.

The number of unemployed graduates are on the rise because of the absence of quality education, he said.

BNP MP Rumeen Farhana said the universities are playing almost no role in creating employment.

Jatiya Party MP Mujibul

Haque Chunnu said, "There was a time when people bowed down in respect before university vice chancellors. But now we feel ashamed for the vice chancellors' involvement in corruption and irregularities."

"We often read in the news that VCs recruit their family members and relatives to their universities."

The JP secretary general then demanded appointment of VCs without political considerations.

Dipu Moni said academic excellence, research and the ability to lead an institution are considered when an individual is picked as the possible VC.

The government is working to improve the standard of education, he added.

Ex-BB high-ups spill

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institution and market then.

"They gave some important information. Some top officials of the inspection division of the Bangladesh Bank had good relations with PK Halder," the ACC official said.

Chowdhury and Alam declined to respond to journalists' queries after the interrogation. "We have already given our statements to the investigation officer," Chowdhury said.

On February 23 last

year, the National Board of Revenue directed banks to provide information on the accounts of Chowdhury and Alam and their spouses.

In March last year, the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit issued a similar directive. That month, the High Court asked why Chowdhury and Alam were not arrested yet for aiding Halder.

In July last year, the NBR directed banks to freeze the accounts of Chowdhury and his wife Suparna on suspicion of tax evasion.

Embarrassing

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project is attractive to investors.

Instructed by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, BBA started the feasibility study in September 2018. Led by Spanish firm TYPESA, a consortium conducted the study.

Speaking at the event before Quader, DSCC Mayor

Taposh said the current bus fare in the city is Tk 2.15 per km. "Why would the passengers pay more for travelling on the subway?"

"I don't think the feasibility study is correct if the cost [of travelling on the subway] is more than Tk 2.15 [per km]. So, the commercial survey has to be done."

Bangladesh yet

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for the first time, went for a \$250 million currency swap when Sri Lanka faced difficulties. "Sri Lanka is still facing difficulties. So, we extended the time for the repayment."

It was the first-ever loan to any country from Bangladesh under the currency swap agreement inked by the Bangladesh Bank and the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) on August 3 last year.

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