



Yash Rohan and Mehazabien in “Sabrina”.

How representative is ‘Sabrina’ of Bangladesh?

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“Sabrina, you cannot lose hope – whoever did this to you, wanted to break your confidence,” says Dr Sabrina to her patient.

A burn victim was left to die at midnight on the roads of an urban area, when two young men rushed her to a hospital’s emergency room. The police reported it as an attempt to murder.

The victim was Sabrina, the wife of a crime reporter, who went missing right from the time of the incident.

The medical professional who treated her was also named Sabrina, a burn unit specialist. After the treatment began, Sabrina learned some shocking facts about her namesake. Thus began an ambitious attempt at telling a story, a series of events that can affect any one of us.

Ashfaque Nipun’s second web series “Sabrina”, recently released on Hoichoi, is a slow-burn thriller containing eight episodes. The director is best known for

highlighting contemporary social issues in each of his works, and this thriller is no different. In this series, he built the characters who represent socio-political issues of Bangladesh.

“Sabrina”, besides being a woman-centric plot, contains layers of politics and power struggles, easily accessible to anyone with context. From corruption, political bias, and a perfect showcase of how a woman is treated in society, conflicts in giving freedom for press – the show brilliantly portrayed them.

Mehazabien Chowdhury as Dr Sabrina is subtle, calm and reactive where necessary. Mehazabien played her role with full conviction. That being said, certain aspects of her character may remind one of Azmeri Haque Badhon’s Rehana from “Rehana Maryam Noor”.

While the first three episodes of the series are perfectly paced, the latter portions seem to move too slowly. The final episode of the season tries to show too much with too little airtime, while not making any major reveals – which was personally, a letdown.

This seems to be a trend for projects on Hoichoi, where they reserve major plot-points for the next season.

The colour-grading and cinematography continually impressed. The background score was outstanding. Some shots – for instance, Orsha standing on the line of the cornice, a master shot of the politician’s house and Mehazabien drinking six glasses of water in one take were commendable.

Ashfaque Nipun successfully portrays the distress of women through his works, particularly in this show. A scene powerfully reflects the development of the country and insecure lives of victims like Sabrina, in a parallel way.

Runa Khan as Baby, a homemaker, justified her screen time, however, the character seemed redundant at one point.

Orsha was adept at making her character’s suffering emanate through the screen. Her on-screen collaboration with Intekhab Dinar was life-like. Yash Rohan was brilliant in his multi-layered role.

The supporting roles, compared to the strong main cast, were weak in dialogue delivery, and unconvincing.

Ashfaque Nipun rarely disappoints as a director, and while “Sabrina” is not perfect, it stands as an intriguing personification of many social issues that we face. For that, it does warrant a subscription to Hoichoi.

Nusraat Faria to host Season 3 of ‘The Box’

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Popular actress Nusrat Imrose Tisha hosted two consecutive seasons of the celebrity game show, “The Box”. She was blessed with motherhood this year, so she wants to devote her time to her daughter. She will not be shooting for any projects for now.

Nusraat Faria will be taking over as host for the third season of “The Box”, which will be released on Eid, after a three-day shoot, from April 8 to 10. According to reports, Faria is excited to host the show.

How did Virat Kohli help Anushka Sharma for ‘CHAKDA XPRESS’?

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“Chakda Xpress”, which is inspired by the life of former Indian cricket captain Jhulan Goswami, marks Anushka Sharma’s return to movies after a gap of four years. It will premiere on Netflix.

Film producer Karnesh Ssharma said in an interview that Anushka was the obvious choice for the upcoming film.

The actress is putting in the hard work and training to be a fast bowler, he added.

Asked if there were any tips from Anushka’s cricketer husband Virat Kohli for the film, Karnesh said, “He has been very helpful. He has helped us get coaches.”



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Start central placement system

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Muhammed Alamgir, a UGC member.

He added that Habiganj Agricultural University will join the cluster of agriculture universities.

The authorities of 20 general, science and technology (GST) public universities conducted a uniform entrance test for the first time last year, while Seven agriculture universities held cluster admission tests for the second straight year. The year before that, three engineering and technology universities also held uniform admission tests for the first time.

In 2021, admission seekers struggled due to non-cooperation in the admission process. The authorities of the general,

science and technology (GST) universities cluster then held a uniform admission test and graded students based on that.

After that, 20 universities separately called for applications and stated their conditions in their admission advertisement. They completed the admission process separately at different times.

“As the admission process runs separately and students change their subjects and universities, many seats in some universities remain vacant,” Alamgir said.

“If a centralised placement in universities and subjects were ensured for students based on their choice, their hassles will come down. The number of vacant seats at universities

will also fall drastically.”

He said that cluster of agriculture universities already follows this procedure.

Prof Munaz Ahmed Noor, VC of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Digital University, said that it is possible to have a central placement system for students.

“But the admission test and admission process of the cluster should take place after the admission test and admission process of popular universities,” said Munaz who was chief of the GST cluster’s technical committee last year.

Another VC, preferring anonymity, said it will be tough for GST cluster universities to give admission seekers placement at universities

and subject as the nature of these universities are different from each other.

At the meeting, the UGC also urged universities to reduce the number of seats of departments that students show less interest in.

It asked the Bangladesh Bishwabidyalaya Parishad, an association of public university vice-chancellors, to take a decision on allowing students to appear for intake tests for the second time and fix the syllabus of admission tests.

They made the calls at a time when many admission seekers are worried about their preparations for the upcoming public university entrance exams as most of the institutions are yet to decide whether the exam syllabus would be shortened.

Tigers’ chance to bounce back

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than the 53 all out in their second innings in the first Test.

Bangladesh, however, will have to combat a few extra issues going into the game today. The Tigers’ leading paceman Taskin Ahmed has returned to the country after suffering a shoulder injury in the first Test along with young left-arm pacer Shoriful

Islam, who could not play the Durban Test due to an injury.

Heavy wind at Port Elizabeth will also play a crucial role in the Test with the cherry expected to move and reverse more than it did in Durban.

Spin had the Tigers cornered in the Durban Test and they will once again have to make a crucial call while naming the playing

eleven for today’s game as their call to either play an extra spinner or the usual combination of three pacers and one frontline spinner could impact the outcome heavily.

B a n g l a d e s h , nevertheless, will be boosted by the prospect of experienced Tamim Iqbal returning to the side. Tamim, who missed out on the first Test due to

an upset stomach, is set to play in today’s game, informed Bangladesh Test skipper Mominul Haque yesterday.

South Africa, who have lost their last two Tests at Port Elizabeth, have their own issues with five of their regular Test players at IPL, but the Proteas will look to repeat what they had done in Durban and seal the series.

Caab efforts inadequate

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According to the Federal Aviation Administration, there were around 35,000 incidents of laser strikes on aircraft in the USA between 2016 and 2021. There is no specific data on the incidents in Bangladesh.

In Bangladesh, such activities are punishable under the Civil Aviation Authority Act-2017.

The law terms the laser strike a “threat” to aircraft

operations and stipulates punishments like life imprisonment or a fine of Tk 5 crore.

There are however no instances of arrest or imposing fines for such crimes, said Touhid-ul Ahsan.

According to officials at HSA, the laser is usually pointed from outside the premises, often from homes and hotels within a five-to-six-kilometre radius

including Uttara, Nikunja, Ashulia and Savar, which is why they find it hard to take strict steps.

Duty officers at the Turag and Airport Police Stations said it is hard to detect persons involved in laser strikes as most often, they shine the laser from distant areas and flee by the time officials reach there.

A Biman pilot wishing anonymity said, “I keep my head down during landing

in order to make sure the laser does not impact me. If the laser strikes your eye directly, it can cause either temporary or permanent vision damage.”

He said the situation gets worse when two or three people coordinate to direct lasers from two or three different locations. Caab Chairman Air Vice Marshal M Malidur Rahman said they are sincerely working to address the issue.

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24.	Tender Security (TK)	Tk.61,00,000.00 (Sixty One Lac Taka). (Validity of Tender Security is 28 Days beyond the expiry of Validity of Tender)	Tk. 6,10,000.00 (Six Lac Ten thousand Taka). (Validity of Tender Security is 28 Days beyond the expiry of Validity of Tender)

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