



A snippet from 'Ronger Manush Dhonger Manush'.



Mosharraf Karim and Intekhab Dinar in 'Dour'.

Left no stone unturned for 'Dour'

MOSHARRAF KARIM

Mosharraf Karim's new tele-serial "Ronger Manush Dhonger Manush" will be on-air on Channel i soon. After garnering appreciation widely for his exceptional performance in the role of Inspector Harun in the Ashfaq Nipun Directorial web serial "Mohanagar", the actor also managed to captivate the audience with his stellar performance in the Hoichoi original web series "Dour".

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We caught up with the star to know more about his recent endeavours and upcoming projects.

The actor is seen playing the role of Atik alongside his wife Robena Reza Jui in "Ronger Manush Dhonger Manush", a project which he is excited about.

"Atik is a simple but strong man residing in a village. He never misses the opportunity, when it comes to bringing about positive change, neither does he fail to revolt against any sort of injustice," he shares.

The production, written by Ibne Hasan Khan and directed by Sohel Hossain, is expected to air twice, weekly. "This multi-starrer production has an exceptional plot set in the rural setting of Bangladesh," he adds. "Our director has done an excellent job and I hope our hard work pays off."

"Dour" is trending among the audience at the moment. According to Hoichoi, the web series has broken many records on the platform.

"This production is the result of the hard work invested by its cast crew," smiles Mosharraf Karim. "We never hesitated to reshoot any scene if we thought the performance failed to hit the mark."

The actor is content with overall production quality "Dour" has put forward. "I don't think we left any stone unturned when it comes to investing our effort in 'Dour'," he adds.

He is very hopeful when it comes to the recent trends in OTT platforms. "I am very positive towards the emergence of OTT platforms in Bangladesh," he mentions.

Alongside television and OTT, Mosharraf Karim has been a part of



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some of the most rejoiced Bangla films in the recent years. He had last appeared in "Mukhosh" alongside Pori Moni, Ziaul Roshan, Iresh Zaker, and Azad Abul Kalam, among others.

"Before signing any new film, I see if I myself like its story," says Mosharraf Karim. "I believe the story is the main element in any cinematic production. The better the script, the better the production."

The actor is seen busy shooting all year long for the last two decades. However, he is an avid reader, and manages to set up reading breaks amidst his busy shoot schedules. "I never forget to carry books during outdoor shoots," shares an excited Mosharraf Karim.

Born in Barishal, Mosharraf Karim spent his youth years in Dhaka pursuing his academics. Nevertheless, the actor misses boat rides in monsoon and his swim-time with loved ones back in his hometown.

According to the actor, the love from his fans empowers his passion to keep working harder. He plans on keeping up with the momentum in his future releases.

"I am indebted to my fans for loving me wholeheartedly and now, the responsibility is mine to live up to their expectations," he concludes.

Trailer of 'Mujib: The Making of a Nation' unveiled at Cannes

The first trailer of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's biopic, "Mujib: The Making of a Nation", was unveiled in the Marché du Film Commercial Branch at the Indian pavilion of the Cannes Film Festival on Thursday.

Ambassador of India to France and Monaco, Jawed Ashraf, welcomed and appreciated the cast and crew of "Mujib: The Making of a Nation", at the trailer launch amongst the presence of dignitaries from Bangladesh, France, and India.

The highly-anticipated film, directed by eminent Indian filmmaker Shyam Benegal, is a joint production of Bangladesh and India.

Alongside Arifin Shuvo as Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, "Mujib: The Making of a Nation" stars Nusrat Imrose Tisha as Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib, Nusraat Faria Mazhar as Sheikh Hasina, Riaz Ahmed as Tajuddin Ahmed, and Elina Shammi as Begum Khaleda Zia, among others. The film is slated for release in September 2022.



Siam Ahmed to star in Hindi film 'In the Ring'

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Siam Ahmed is set to star in the Hindi-language film, "In the Ring: Story of a Burqa Boxer", alongside Indian artistes Mithila Palkar and Jaaved Jaferi, according to Variety.

The cast also includes Razia Shabnam, one of the first Indian women to become an international boxing referee and coach.

Set in the female Muslim boxing community of Khidderpore, Kolkata, India, the film is a psychological thriller about a 17-year-old boxer who exchanges places with her double to fight in the national championship when she is framed in her aunt's murder. It will be directed by US-based filmmaker Alka Raghuram.

The project is being produced by Sreyashii Sengupta for Singapore-based Darpan Global and Souvik Dasgupta for Oriizon Global in India, with Los Angeles-based Rick Ambros serving as executive producer.



'Ocean's Eleven' prequel in the works with Margot Robbie

Margot Robbie is set to star in and produce an upcoming "Ocean's Eleven" prequel.

On the heels of major buzz surrounding her roles in "Barbie" and a "Pirates of the Caribbean" spinoff, Robbie will team up with director Jay Roach for a new entry in the blockbuster heist franchise.

No additional details about the Warner Bros. film have been released, except that the story will be set in Europe in the 1960s with a script from Carrie Solomon.

Loosely inspired by the 1960 Rat Pack movie of the same name, "Ocean's Eleven" hit theatres in 2001 with director Steven Soderbergh at the helm and a cast including George Clooney, Matt Damon, Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts.

'Proud to be representing Bangladesh at CANNES'

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"Mujib: The Making of a Nation", the biopic of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman directed by Shyam Benegal, is currently in post-production. A teaser of the film was unveiled in the Marché du Film Commercial Branch at the Indian pavilion of the 75th Cannes Film Festival on May 19. Ecstatic about this experience, Nusrat Imrose Tisha, one of the stars of



Mostafa Sarwar Farooki, Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Nusrat Imrose Tisha pose for a picture at Cannes.

the Bangladesh-India joint production, shares her thoughts with The Daily Star, on a phone call from France.

You are at the 75th Cannes Film Festival to promote your film, 'Mujib: The Making of a Nation'. How do you feel?

Needless to say, I am elated to be here at Cannes. It is a matter of great pride to

be representing Bangladesh on such a prestigious platform. Without a doubt, this will go down as one of the most memorable experiences of my life. I hope Bangladeshi films continue to make strides globally. I am confident that we will be able to reach audiences in different corners of the world with "Mujib: The Making of a Nation".

Your daughter, Ilham Nusrat Farooki, accompanied you to Cannes.

My biggest priority right now is Ilham, so being able to travel with her has been a wonderful experience. I am happy beyond words to have her by my side during such an important chapter of my career. I am grateful to have my family here with me.

How did you approach your role in 'Mujib: The Making of a Nation'?

Playing an important role like Fazilatunnesa Mujib, the wife of Bangabandhu, in this historic film was truly the gift of a lifetime. I never took this opportunity for granted, even for a second. The team has worked really hard on this film, and we hope that it is loved by the audience.

Moving forward, what are you looking forward to the most, in terms of your career?

I have had a great professional journey so far, and I just want to continue doing good work, with the love and support of my fans.



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