

Directors excited for their Eid outings

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Every Eid, the audience eagerly waits for productions crafted by their favourite directors, featuring their favourite stars. This Eid ul-Azha, celebrated directors have come back in full swing after the pandemic. After the immense popularity “Networker Baire”, Mizanur Rahman Aryan is set to deliver 5 new productions this season. “Bebodhan”, featuring Farhan Ahmed Jovan and Mehazabien Chowdhury, alongside



“Ekhanei Sesh Noy” starring Tawsif Mahbub and Tasnia Farin, and “Odhbut To Apni” casting Khairul Basar and Tanjin Tisha will be released this Eid. “I am also excited about ‘Suhashini’, and ‘Fuler Nam e Nam’”, he says. While speaking about his upcoming OTT ventures Aryan said he already has a web film and a series lined up. “We will begin shooting for these two projects after Eid,” he adds.

Following his usual style, Mabur Rashid Bannah will be delivering over 10 productions this time. His “Single Scene Story”, an anthology featuring 14 single-shot stories, will stream on OTT platform Bongo this season.

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Niloy Alamgir, Shamim Hasan Sarker, Samira Khan Mahi, Zaher Alvi, Samanta Parveg, Moushumi Mou and Parsa Evana, among many others, will be seen in this short film series.

Shihab Shaheen will be delivering the Afran Nisho, Tasnia Farin and Nazifa Tushi starrer production “Syndicate” on Chorki this Eid, as promised by the maker. He is also looking forward to around 9 other Eid specials this coming festive season.



His “Bodle Jawa Manush”, with Ziaul Faruq Apurba and Tasnia Farin in lead, will be released on Maasranga TV this Eid. “Abaro Oghoton”, the direct sequel of the Apurba Sabila starrer “Oghoton” and “Streer 10ti Bodobvash” where Apurba will be seen opposite Tasnia Farin will also release this month, marking Eid.

Afran Nisho will be seen in two Shihab Shaheen productions this Eid al Azha. “Nisho also will be seen opposite Naziba Basher in ‘Chakri Noy Chakor’ alongside ‘Hot Temper’ where he will share the screen with Safa Kabir,” mentions Shihab Shaheen.

Kajal Arefin Ome is eagerly looking forward to “Good Buzz” and “Bachelor’s Qurbani” this Eid. “Last time, I was able to give 5 productions as a couple of the releases were shot long before Eid. Nevertheless, I promise that the audience won’t be disappointed,” shares Ome.

After promising third installment of “Punorjonmo”, director Vicky Zahed is looking forward to presenting a surprise for the fans of this franchise this Eid. His web film “Shuklopokkho” will also release on Chorki this Eid.

“My thriller ‘Bachibar Holo Tar Shaadh’ will put forward the fresh chemistry between Afran Nisho and Tanjin Saiyara Totini this Eid,” Vicky shares.

With much said about the upcoming Eid releases, the audience seems to have a wide range of genres to choose from this time.

South superstar Vijay Sethupathi will play villain in SRK’s ‘Jawan’

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Following the immense success brought by his recent release “Vikram”, Vijay Sethupathi is set to appear in “Jawan”. The actor will be playing the villain opposite Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan in the Atlee directorial production. Referred to as “Makkal Selvan” (People’s Treasure) by his fans, Sethupathi has starred in over 50 films, including remarkable hits like “Vikram Vedha”, “Naduvula Konjam Pakkatha Kaanom” and “Pizza”. He has several awards to his credit, including a National Film Award for his performance in “Super Deluxe”.



Demand to stop grants for commercial films ‘selfish’ and ‘conspiratory’

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This Wednesday, many artists and directors have strongly condemned the recent demands made by a few producers to stop government grants to commercial films.

A joint council of film artistes, directors, producers, editors and filmgoers’ associations released a statement where they called the demand for banning grants to commercial movies “a senseless and selfish act” which could destroy the Bangladeshi film industry.

Nayeem and Shabnaz’s daughters release new song

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The daughters of Nayeem and Shabnaz have worked together on a song titled “Din Gune” on YouTube. Mahdiah, the youngest daughter, voiced the song while the eldest daughter Nameera directed the music video. “Din Gune” was written and composed by Ovi Moinuddin, with Yousuf Ahmed Khan taking on the role of music director.



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BCL leader stabbed to death

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Some people, led by Hasan, a supporter of Gopalpur Union Awami League’s Joint Secretary Salah Uddin, picked up Hasibul and took him near Banglabazar-Goplapur road, said locals.

Dhaka Wasa to hike water prices

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A Khan turning down his application for carrying out duties virtually from the US. Mustafa Jalal Mohiuddin, another board member and also the president of Bangladesh Medical Association, said no member agreed to grant the MD’s application. As per Section 22 of the Dhaka Wasa Act-1996, the authorities can increase water tariffs by a maximum of five percent each fiscal year upon the board’s approval.

WHO issues snapshot of monkeypox cases

AFP, Geneva
The World Health Organization yesterday issued its first situation report on the spread of monkeypox, detailing the typical profile of those affected by the outbreak so far. According to available statistics, almost all patients affected thus far are male, with a median age of 37, the WHO said. A surge in monkeypox infections has been reported since early May outside the West and Central African countries where the disease has long been endemic.

stabbed him and slit his throat with sharp weapons there, they added. Hasibul was rushed to a local hospital where doctors declared him dead. Sirajul Islam, the victim’s uncle, said, “Hasibul protested some misdeeds of Salah Uddin. Following

that, his followers killed my nephew.” OC Jahedul said they would file a murder case in this connection. Meanwhile, the body was handed over to the victim’s family after conducting an autopsy at Noakhali General Hospital.

China carries out

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marked the first time in the world a de-orbiting sail system has been deployed in such a way. The sail uses the drag formed by the thin atmosphere to slow down the defunct spacecraft it is attached to, enabling it to leave its original orbit and move into the Earth’s atmosphere, where it burns up. This can reduce the debris’ orbiting time from over a hundred years to less than ten – although in this case it should only take two years. An estimated 13,100 satellites have been launched into orbit since 1957, according to the European Space Agency, with 8,410 remaining in space and 5,800 still functioning.

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A meeting source said Wasa submitted a proposal of hiking the prices by over five percent from January next, but some board members opposed it. In 2017, the water prices were Tk 10 per unit for residential consumers and Tk 32 for commercial users. Wasa hiked the prices by five percent in three consecutive years from 2017. The prices were increased by 25 percent for residential consumers in 2020 following approval by the government.

Anything but

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morning, reported UNB, citing the Directorate General of Health Services. With these, the total fatalities – recorded between May 17 to July 7 – have gone up to 112, said DGHS. Among the total dead, 85 died by drowning, 15 from lightning strikes, two from snake bites, one from diarrhoea, and nine due to other reasons. At least 59 people died in Sylhet division, 40 in Mymensingh, 12 in Rangpur and one in Dhaka. (Our correspondents from Tangail, Sylhet, Moulvibazar and Lalmonirhat contributed to the report.)

Governing body

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attitude” towards the incident. Akhtar and the governing body were asked to respond immediately. The university on June 28 formed a probe committee which submitted its report at the syndicate meeting on Wednesday. Following a discussion on the report, the decisions were made. Meanwhile, Inspector General of Police Benazir Ahmed in his speech at the crime conference on Wednesday asked for an enquiry into how the incident took place in presence of police, said officials who attended the conference.

Covid positivity

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One each aged between 51 and 60, 61 and 70, and 71 and 80 years. One each was from Dhaka, Chattogram and Khulna divisions, according to the press release.

Students suffer heavy learning losses

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had high levels of education deficit. In maths, 16 percent of the students had low levels of learning losses, 14 percent medium and 39 percent high. The report suggested mandatory remedial classes for the students with medium and high levels of learning deficits in the subjects. DISPARITIES There was a significant disparity in learning losses between students in urban

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MPs moving against him, while paying tribute to the “brilliant Darwinian system” that caused his downfall. “Them’s the breaks,” he added. The prime minister said he had “appointed a cabinet to serve, as I will, until a new leader is in place”, pointing to a sense of duty and obligation to the public. However, senior Conservative MPs are pushing back against the idea that Johnson should be allowed to stay in office for any longer and want to see an interim leader in place, such as Dominic Raab. Labour also said it would force a confidence vote on the prime minister unless he stepped down from No 10 in short order. “It was a short and bizarre resignation speech which didn’t mention the word resign or resignation once. There was no apology, no contrition,” Conservative lawmaker Andrew Bridgen said. The Conservative leadership election will take place over the summer and the victor will replace Johnson by the party’s annual conference

and rural areas, the study found. Thirty-six percent Class 8 students in urban areas suffered losses, compared to 43 percent in rural areas. About 70 to 90 percent students of Rangamati and Khagrachhari districts have high level education deficits. The availability of digital devices and internet access was also a strong factor in determining the degree of learning loss. Students with internet access and digital devices suffered 10

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in early October, the BBC and others reported. The process could take weeks or months. Details of the process will be announced next week, reports Reuters. A snap YouGov poll found that defence minister Ben Wallace was the favourite among Conservative Party members to replace Johnson, followed by junior trade minister Penny Mordaunt and former finance minister Rishi Sunak. Keir Starmer, leader of the main opposition Labour Party, said he would call a parliamentary confidence vote if the Conservatives did not remove Johnson at once. The crisis comes as Britons are facing the tightest squeeze on their finances in decades, in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, with soaring inflation, and the economy forecast to be the weakest among major nations in 2023 apart from Russia. Support drained away from Johnson as more than 50 ministers and government aides resigned in a rolling walkout, while

to 15 percent less learning loss than those who did not have these facilities. The report recommended central remedial activities to make up for the learning losses. As part of the central initiative, distance-learning activities such as broadcasting classes on television and online classes can be conducted. Besides, a YouTube channel can be started where the lessons are uploaded. Contacted, Secondary

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a slew of once supportive backbenchers declared no confidence in his leadership. The revolt began on Tuesday evening with the resignations of Sajid Javid and Rishi Sunak as health secretary and chancellor respectively. His exit follows three years of scandals, including fury over his handling of harassment allegations against Pincher, the deputy chief whip; a police fine over lockdown parties in Downing Street, attempts to change the standards system, and accusations of breaking international law. Johnson became prime minister in 2019, taking over from Theresa May with a promise to “get Brexit done”. After winning an 80-seat majority in a general election in December 2019, and taking the UK out of the EU, the prime minister had his eye on multiple terms in No 10. It also follows years of internal division sparked by the narrow 2016 vote to leave the European Union, and threats to the make-

and Higher Education Division secretary Abu Bakr Siddique said they will take necessary steps to make up for the losses. A Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC) and Brac Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD) joint study, published in October 2021 said that 3.96 million primary and 3.9 million secondary students – a total of 7.86 million students – were at risk of learning loss, due to the prolonged school closure caused by the pandemic.

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up of the United Kingdom itself with demands for another Scottish independence referendum, the second in a decade. Initially, Johnson refused to go and seemed set to dig in, sacking Michael Gove – a member of his top ministerial team who was one of the first to tell him he needed to resign – in a bid to reassert his authority. But by yesterday morning as a slew of resignations poured in, it became clear his position was untenable. Some of those that remained in post, including Wallace, had said they were only doing so because they had an obligation to keep the country safe. Once it was clear he was standing down, Johnson began appointing ministers to vacant posts. “It is our duty now to make sure the people of this country have a functioning government,” Michael Ellis, a minister in the Cabinet Office department which oversees the running of government, told parliament.