

I watch everyone’s works, I learn from them

APURBA

Ziaul Haque Apurba is one of the leading actors in Bangladeshi television. He shares his thoughts on his recent works, and bygone Eid celebrations, in an interview.

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Your telefilm “Boro Chele” has reached 40 million views on YouTube.
I am very grateful to my fans for making this possible. “Boro Chele” was released in 2017, and it’s amazing to know the production still manages to keep the audience entertained.

I am indebted to my director Mizanur Rahman Aryan, my co-star Mehazabien Chowdhury and the crew of this production. We have had an amazing journey with this project.

Tell us about your Eid productions this year.

I appeared in diverse characters in my Eid productions this time. The story and narrative styles of my projects are also very different from each other.

Have you conceptualised the storyline for any of your projects?

I have conceptualised the plot for “Bodle Jawa Manush”. The production is directed by Shihab Shaheen. I appear opposite Tasnia Farin in this fiction.



This is the first time you will be spending Eid without your father by your side.

This, indeed, is heartbreaking for me. Words fail to justify the emotional distress I felt every time I realise that my father is no more. I spent with my mother and my family in Dhaka, and we dearly missed the pillar, the shelter, the root of our family—my father.

Did you get time to watch your projects?

Not just mine, I also watch productions by others too, as we all have a lot to learn from each other. It helps me work on mistakes and give a better delivery the next time.



‘Moshari’ wins Jury’s Choice award at the Bucheon International Film Festival

Nuhash Humayun directorial “Moshari” has won the Jury’s Choice award at the Bucheon International Film Festival in South Korea.

The festival is said to be the biggest genre film festival in Asia.

Penned by Nuhash Humayun himself, the critically acclaimed film is now making rounds in film festivals across the world.

Nuhash Humayun announced the news on his social media handle. He received the award with the film’s lead actress, Sunerah Binte Kamal.

Nawsheen-Hillol blessed with baby girl



Renowned television artistes Nawsheen Nahreen Mou and Adnan Faruque Hillol have become parents to a beautiful daughter, Mahveesha Adnan Syeda, yesterday.

“By the Grace of Almighty, me and Adnan Faruque have been blessed with our youngest child, Mahveesha Adnan Syeda, our baby girl was born 13th July 2022 New York Time 12:31

pm at Winthrop University Hospital. Both of us are doing great, Keep us in your prayers,” wrote Nawsheen on Facebook.

The couple is currently residing in New York.

Judge rejects Amber Heard’s request to set aside Depp win

A Virginia judge recently rejected an effort by actress Amber Heard to set aside the \$10 million judgment awarded against her in favor of her ex-husband, Johnny Depp.

Depp won a defamation suit against Heard last month in a high-profile civil trial. Heard won a smaller, \$2 million judgement on a counterclaim she filed against Depp.

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China looks to invest more in BR

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Different Chinese companies are also involved with at least five major railway infrastructure projects, including two fast-track projects -- Padma Bridge Rail Link and Chattogram-Cox’s Bazar Rail Link.

Meanwhile, China, earlier this year, has proposed to invest in high-speed railway project between Dhaka and Chattogram under the G2G PPP framework.

The country has also selected China Railway Group Ltd (CREC), a state-run company, for implementing the project, which was apparently put on the back burner considering the huge amount of money – Tk 93,35,0.93 crore (\$1-Tk 84) – required for its implementation.

Besides, another Chinese state-run company-- China Railway Design Corporation (CRDC)--submitted a proposal to set up a research and development centre for railway in a joint venture with the BR.

None of the proposals yet to see visible progress.

WHAT ARE THE PROPOSALS

CEEC, a state-owned conglomerate with its headquarters in Beijing, is involved in energy/power, real estate and infrastructure sectors, reads the proposals.

Their partner CRDC, the design enterprise subordinate to China State

Railway Group Co Ltd, was involved in carrying out the feasibility study and detailed design for the high-speed rail project, it said.

In a proposal, the company said BR is promoting the process of modernization. But the existing ‘aging and disrepair maintenance facilities’ cannot meet the growing demand.

At the same time, it said, BR needs to purchase large quantities of spares parts and maintenance tolls from abroad spending foreign exchange.

“We propose to participate in the renovation of the existing workshops under the G2G PPP mode and invest in an accessories factory for domestic sales and supply to surrounding countries,” reads the proposal.

It expressed interest to participate in the following projects: construction of a new diesel locomotive workshop in Chattogram; modernization and upgradation of signal workshop at Chattogram’s Kadamtali; reconstruction of existing carriage and wagon workshop in Chattogram; and establishing an accessories factory.

In a separate proposal, it said, Bangladesh has an excellent economic development momentum and has become the region with the most investment potential in South Asia.

As the government is setting up economic zones at Jamalpur,

Mirersarai, Feni and other places, the railway link with those economic zones will give huge advantage in transportation because of its abundant transportation capacity, punctuality and quickness, it said.

It is urgent to build several multi-functional bridges due to the natural barrier of the river and lack of crossing facilities. “We wish to adopt PPP/G2G PPP mode to participate in Bangladesh Railway’s economic zone rail link line and bridge projects,” it added.

The six projects are: construction of railway link to Feni and Mirersarai economic zones; Jamalpur Economic Zone; Uttara EPZ in Nilphamari; construction of railway link to Bay Terminal in Chattogram; construction of a new bridge parallel to the existing Hardinge Bridge and Teesta Railway Bridge.

BR has already carried out feasibility study and detail design for rail line to connect Jamalpur and Mirsarai and Feni economic zones and new Teesta Bridge while study is going for Bay Terminal rail link and new Hardinge Bridge, BR source said.

Railways Ministry’s Secretary Humayun Kabir and BR’s Director General Dharendra Nath Mazumder could not be reached over phone for comments, even after sending message.

Country first

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fast-track learning and skills development for today’s generation and future generations is urgently needed to address this crisis, he added.

To give young people the best chance to succeed and recover learning losses due to the pandemic, holistic support is needed, said Liesbet Steer, executive director of the Education Commission, a global initiative encouraging greater progress on Sustainable Development Goal 4: ensuring inclusive and quality education and promoting lifelong learning for all.

“But we can’t recover what we don’t measure. We need to know where children and youth are in building the range of skills they need and monitor their progress.”

Subsequently, the Education Commission, Unicef and partners are working to address critical data gaps. And the World Skills Clock is part of the initiative, Steer said.

It will help track progress on and raise awareness around youth skills attainment around the world such that urgent action can be taken to prepare this generation to thrive in the future, Steer added.

Russian strikes

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posed the “greatest challenge” to the global economy, as G20 ministers prepare to start talks in Indonesia.

Several rounds of negotiations to end the fighting at the beginning of the conflict fell through, but delegations from Kyiv and Moscow met in Istanbul this week to discuss unblocking Ukraine’s grain exports.

The meeting involving UN and Turkish officials ended after more than three hours with an agreement to meet again in Turkey next week.

The conflict has pushed up grain prices and Europe is suffering from sky-rocketing energy bills stemming from sanctions on Russia and Moscow’s move to limit gas flows to Europe.

Suspended

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Shimul was arrested the next day after the victim’s father filed a case against him with Motijheel Police Station under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act.

Following the arrest, the accused was placed on a day’s remand for interrogation.

A ‘heartbeat’ signal is coming

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light-years from Earth.

However, exactly what that source might be remains a mystery, though astronomers suspect the signal could emanate from either a radio pulsar or a magnetar.

These are both types of neutron stars – extremely dense, rapidly spinning collapsed cores of giant stars.

The team hopes to detect more periodic signals from this source, which could then be used as an astrophysical clock.

For instance, the frequency of the bursts, and how they change as the source moves away from Earth, could be used to measure the rate at which the universe is expanding.

In December 2019, the Canadian

Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment (Chime) picked up a signal of a potential FRB, which immediately drew the attention of Mr Michilli, who was scanning the incoming data.

He said: “It was unusual.

“Not only was it very long, lasting about three seconds, but there were periodic peaks that were remarkably precise, emitting every fraction of a second – boom, boom, boom – like a heartbeat.

The discovery reported in the journal Nature is authored by members of the Chime/FRB Collaboration, including MIT researchers. It is described in a paper titled ‘Sub-second periodicity in a fast radio burst’.

Sunak keeps lead

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proceeding to the next round of voting by Tory MPs on Monday.

Polls point to Mordaunt beating Sunak, Truss and the others comfortably, once the party members decide between the final two candidates in the coming weeks.

But Mordaunt was savaged by her former boss in the Brexit ministry, David Frost, who called her unfit for office. And she is barely known nationally.

A poll of more than 2,200 adults by Savanta ComRes said only 11 percent could identify Mordaunt from her photograph, and only 16 percent of Conservative voters. Two respondents thought she was the singer Adele.

Former foreign secretary Jeremy Hunt, after his elimination on Wednesday, threw his support behind Sunak, whose resignation from the cabinet last week helped spark a ministerial revolt against Johnson after months of scandal.

Drawing a pointed contrast to Johnson, Hunt said the former chancellor of the exchequer was “one of the most decent, straight people with the highest standards of integrity” in politics.

But the wealthy Sunak faces questions about his family’s tax affairs and his prior decision to retain US residency.

And he is opposed to immediate tax cuts to confront a post-pandemic cost-of-living crisis, stressing the need instead for fiscal responsibility.

“I don’t judge people by their bank accounts, I judge them by their character,” Sunak told BBC radio.

“And I think people can judge me by my actions over the past couple of years,” he said, pointing to the economic support he designed as chancellor during the pandemic.

Mordaunt, a junior trade minister who is relatively untainted by the scandals of Johnson’s premiership, has come up the middle between Truss and Sunak with a campaign strong on patriotic themes.

But the Daily Mail took aim at her stance on transgender people, one of Britain’s “culture war” debates that has enervated the party’s right-wing.

Mordaunt was “telling lies” after previously supporting transgender women in the role of equalities minister, only to take a harder line at her campaign launch this week, the newspaper quoted a Truss ally as saying.

Mordaunt’s political enemies have also jibed at “Part time Penny”, alleging she has not taken her government roles seriously.

That line of attack was given new impetus from a dramatic intervention by Frost, who resigned as Brexit minister last year.

Locals ‘fine’

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mother works in a local biscuit factory.

As both her parents went to work that day, she was home alone at the time of the incident.

Motin took that opportunity and first raped her a few weeks ago. He also threatened to kill her if she disclosed the matter.

Again on July 6, he took her to a nearby sugarcane field and raped her.

After the second time, the girl shared the incident with her parents. Seeking justice, her family immediately rushed to UP member Jahangir, who arranged the arbitration.

Mohammad Ayub, officer-in-charge of the Lalmai Police Station, said police were trying to arrest the accused.

Motin could not be contacted over phone despite several attempts.

Sufferings abound at Benapole

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scrutiny at both points.

At the Benapole point, all 10 immigration booths are operational. Of these, four are designated for medical patients and the elderly, the OC said.

However, only four out of 10 booths were open at the Petrapole point in India, travellers and immigration sources said.

Each passenger had to wait at least six hours to complete immigration at both points combined.

For those who are not fully vaccinated, the process took at least two more hours due to health check-ups upon entry.

Ali Hossain, a resident of Jashore town, who was going to India on a tourist visa, said, “I had to wait for over six hours for immigration. I felt so sick that I thought I would lose my senses.”

Tutul Hossain, another traveller,

alleged that many passengers are bribing law enforcers to get ahead in lines.

Immigration official Abul, however, denied the allegations.

“We are working hard to deal with the huge rush of passengers in a disciplined manner.”

Ari Ahsan Panna, going to India for medical treatment and visiting relatives, yesterday said there was only one gate for immigration at the Petrapole point and that is why the process is slow and lines are long.

Due to a lack of passenger sheds, everyone is having to wait under the open sky.

Another passenger, Mohin Uddin, said only four officials at four desks were working at the Petrapole immigration point for thousands of travellers yesterday.

At least 3,500 passengers travelled to India through Benapole yesterday, immigration sources said.