



# From Laksham to LA

## The Bangladeshi motion graphics designer behind your favourite Hollywood trailers

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Trailers and teasers play a major part in the film industry. There are entire production studios that specialise in just making trailers. After all, trailers and teasers give a movie the opportunity to make a first impression on audiences.

While people might not be aware of it, the trailers and teasers for some of the most successful film franchises—such as Marvel Studios’ “Doctor Strange” and DC Extended Universe’s “The Batman”—were touched by the hands of a young Bangladeshi motion



graphics designer.

Kamrul Hasan Jisan, born and brought up in Bangladesh, has made great strides towards achieving his dream of becoming a motion graphics designer in the US. The senior motion graphics designer for Wild Card Creative group opened up to The Daily Star for a heartfelt chat about his journey, from Laksham to Los Angeles.

**What led to you wanting to become a motion graphics designer?**

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very cultural family who were involved in theatre. While their love for the arts had a great influence on me, my dream of working in this line began in 2002, when I first came across “Lord of the Rings”.

I was amazed by the type of graphics in Hollywood movies at that time, and so I began pursuing a course in graphics design under a local institution in Laksham.

**How did your journey as a motion graphics designer begin?**

I first moved to Dhaka in 2008, and began practicing Photoshop with the help of YouTube. With time, I became acquainted with 3D animation and motion graphics, but was limited by the lack of a computer on which I could practice.

In 2010, I began my bachelors in CSE from Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology. By then, I was already earning money through photography and graphic designing.

Around 2012, a senior from my university asked if I would be interested to join his company as a graphic designer, particularly for motion graphics. Even though I did not know anything about motion graphics at that time, I decided to say yes. I learned the basics of motion graphics design overnight from YouTube and joined my first job the next day.

**Tell us about your journey to Hollywood.**

Me and my family came to the US in



Kamrul Hasan Jisan

September of 2016. Here, I worked in a newspaper from New York as a graphics designer. However, I always knew that I wanted to work in cinema. The thirst to work in cinema brought me to Los Angeles in 2017. It was when COVID began that I left my current job to find luck in Hollywood.

**What was your first Hollywood gig?**

My first gig was making a trailer for the film “Last Night in Soho”. However, personally I feel that my first proper gig was the trailer for “House of Gucci”.

Then I worked on making the trailers for Steven Spielberg’s film “West Side Story”. Coming from the suburbs of Bangladesh, it was a big deal for me to work on a Spielberg film, and to watch my work on television.

Eventually, I worked in big projects like “Doctor Strange and the Multiverse of Madness”, “The Batman”, “Bosch: Legacy”, “Morbius”, and “Tehran”.

**Where do you see your career headed in the near future?**

Right now, I’m very satisfied. There was a time when my friends and family discouraged me, and mocked me for my dreams. But 15 years of struggle have finally paid off.

Ten years down the line, I want to see myself as an art director. My dream is to become a world-renowned art director and win a Golden Globe Award.

## BTS RM dethrones Henry Cavill as ‘world’s most handsome man’

“BTS” leader Kim Namjoon, popularly known as ‘RM’, has replaced beloved Superman, Henry Cavill, for the title of world’s most handsome man. The “Enola Holmes” actor has been ranked second in the list of public polls.

According to TC Candler’s recent survey, RM has earned the number one spot due to his beautiful face and charming personality. Millions of the BTS army have voted for their favourite leader in the coveted survey. Apart from RM, Hollywood heartthrobs including George Clooney, Bradley Cooper, Robert Pattinson, and Brad Pitt also made it to the list.



## Godfather teaser: Chiranjeevi and Salman join forces for epic showdown

Chiranjeevi and Nayanthara starrer Telugu film “Godfather” has finally released. The ‘larger-than-life avatar’ features a special cameo by Salman Khan.

The teaser showcases the mighty Chiranjeevi beating up thugs mercilessly. However, the police are trying to arrest him, while politicians want him dead. Salman Khan calls himself ‘Chota bhai’ while Chiranjeevi calls him his ‘favourite bhai’.

Filled with explosions and badly crafted CGI, the teaser shows Salman Khan and Chiranjeevi breaks through a wall with a massive car.



# COUNTRYWIDE

RIVER BANK EROSION

## Jamuna devours over hundred houses in a week

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The Jamuna river took a serious turn and devoured over a hundred dwelling houses in Bhuanpur upazila in the last couple of days.

Tangail Water Development Board (WDB) sources said the mighty river turns furious since the very beginning of the monsoon this year.

Among many other affected villagers, dwelling house of Khalek Miah of Chituliapara village also collapsed in the river a few days ago.

“I can’t see well due to my poor eye sight. Now I have no ability to shift somewhere else at this age,” said the 80-year-old.

Elderly Razzak Miah of the village said “I came here about a decade ago after my previous dwelling house at Konabari Char was devoured by the Jamuna.”

“I’ve been passing sleepless nights

for the last few days, fearing there will be nothing left if the river devours my house once again,” he said.

Another villager Amin Chakdar said four structures of his house have already been devoured by the river while the rest may go to the river anytime.

More than 100 dwelling houses of the village have gone into the river in the last couple of days as the water level in the Jamuna river keeps receding. Noor Hossain of the village said.

Locals said erosion hit the village during the flood couple of months ago, but villagers checked the erosion then by dumping sand bags.

They also urged the WDB authorities to dump GEO bags to prevent the erosion, but WDB did not take any measures in this regard.

Moreover, nearly 200 houses were devoured by the river last year, they added.

During a recent visit to the village this correspondent saw riverside villagers were shifting their structures after erosion hit about 500-metre area of the village.

Erosion occurred at Kostapara, Khanurbari and Bhalkutia villages that left several hundred families homeless last year, said Ovijit Ghosh, a rights activist in Bhuanpur.

Local peoples’ demand for a permanent embankment still remains a far cry, he added.

Bhuanpur Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Ishrat Jahan said she informed the WDB officials about the erosion and they already started dumping GEO bags to check it.

Construction of a permanent embankment is also under process, she added. Tangail WDB Executive Engineer Sazzad Hossain said emergency measures have been taken to protect the erosion-hit areas.



Villagers busy shifting their homesteads to other places as the Jamuna river continues devouring fresh areas at Chituliapara village in Tangail’s Bhuanpur upazila.

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## Most tea workers

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But the leaders want to stop us using the name of the prime minister.”

Ojit Kairi, another worker, said, “If we agree with the wage increment to Tk 145, then our movement will end with no achievement.”

On Saturday, the wing of the government concerned announced the wage hike to Tk145 per day, but the workers rejected it and continued their movement.

Against this backdrop, the Moulvibazar Deputy Commissioner Mir Nahid Ahsan, along with government officials concerned, sat with the representatives of Bangladesh Tea Workers’ Union at his office on Sunday night.

In a joint statement, the both parties said that the tea workers will return to work at their current wage of Tk120 and the garden owners will pay the arrears to the workers for the strike period as per tradition.

The wage will be fixed upon the consent of the prime minister following a video conference with her before the upcoming Durga Puja, as per the demand of the union leader, according to the joint statement.

Other demands of the tea workers will be submitted to the deputy commissioner in writing, and the DC will forward them to the Prime Minister’s Office.

Nipen Paul, General Secretary of the union, said, “We want direct intervention from the prime minister.”

Meanwhile, a tripartite meeting has been scheduled today in Dhaka with the labour and employment minister in the chair.

During yesterday’s protest, Pankaj Kando, vice president of Bangladesh Tea Workers Union, was assaulted allegedly by workers of Kalighat Tea Estate in Sreemangal as he tried to convince them to withdraw the strike.

## HC blasts Kushtia DC

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Always keep your office rooms open so that all ordinary people, including those wearing lungi, can see you working and approach you to get their problems solved.

“We know from our experience how habituated you have become to leading a luxurious life and how you exercise your powers. We are sorry to say that ordinary people cannot enter your offices and bring their problems to you. Your offices are covered by curtains and therefore, people even cannot see your faces,” the HC bench of Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman and Justice AKM Rabiul Hassan said during hearing of a contempt of court petition.

Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman told DC Saidul, “Do good work. Take prompt actions against robberies, thefts, muggings and grabbing [of properties]. As a deputy commissioner, you are the heart of the government like the people have hearts. You have many responsibilities. The image of

the government depends on your activities. The government’s policies are implemented through your performance.

“The petitioner of this case went to your office with a complaint. But the staffers of your office did not accept his complaint. If you could hear the complaint, you wouldn’t have needed to come here. We know that you [DCs] do many good work. Nevertheless, keep your doors open to the people. If you collapse, the government’s image will be damaged,” the justice said.

The HC bench, however, thanked DC Saidul for appearing before it and exonerated him from appearing in person before it in connection with the rule. It also fixed October 24 for further hearing on the rule.

The four other contemnors have been asked to appear before the bench on October 24 during the hearing of the rule.

Yesterday, the Kushtia DC and three others appeared before the HC bench in compliance with its earlier directive.

## Reintroduce indemnity

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Contacted, Waseqa Ayesha Khan, the chairman of the parliamentary standing committee, said, “I didn’t get any such proposal.”

When she was informed that it was in the working paper of yesterday’s meeting, she said, “So many things were included in the working paper but those are not decisions. We didn’t take any decision in this regard.”

The committee’s recommendations will be placed soon, she added.

On June 5, State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid placed the bill in parliament and it was then sent to the House committee.

According to the bill, it was prepared as the 15th amendment of the Constitution repealed all the

proclamations, proclamation orders, chief martial law administrator’s orders, martial law regulations, martial law orders, martial law instructions, ordinances and other laws made after seventh amendment between March 24, 1982 and November 11, 1986.

Asked about the clause, Prof Shamsul Alam, vice president of Consumers Association of Bangladesh, said keeping such a provision for indemnity creates an opportunity for reckless behaviors of officials.

“We have examples where thanks to such kinds of provisions, government officials became corrupt and were encouraged to break the laws instead of protecting public assets. That’s why the government should not keep such provisions in any laws.”

## SC stays bail for accused Marzia

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Repression Prevention Act. Police arrested Shila on May 30 in connection with the case.

During the hearing of Shila’s bail petition, the HC bench questioned the student’s choice of attire and whether she should have gone to a railway station dressed like that – comments that drew strong condemnation from rights organisations Ain o Salish

Kendra (ASK) and Naripokkho.

Later, the state filed a petition seeking the suspension of the HC’s bail order.

In the petition, the state said Shila had violated the law by assaulting the woman at Narsingdi railway station for the outfit she was wearing, Attorney General Mohammad Saiful Alam told The Daily Star.

As per a citizen’s legal right, they

can wear whatever outfit they want, he said, citing the state’s petition.

Shila cannot get a release from jail following the SC chamber judge’s order, Alam added.

Attorney General AM Amin Uddin and Alam appeared for the state while lawyers Zahurul Islam and Md Kamal Hossain represented Marzia during the hearing of the petition on Sunday.