

'Hawa' has given me a new identity

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Nazifa Tushi garnered much appreciation for her performance in "Hawa". The next-gen star is currently busy promoting her film, which is running successfully in theatres.

The Daily Star caught up with Tushi to learn about her journey and future plans.

"Hawa" has completed a month in the theatres. Tell us your feeling about this achievement?

"Hawa" has managed to keep the audience's interest for over a month, and that's my biggest achievement as an artiste. The film is now being released in 117 theatres across the US and Canada, with show tickets for the first 10 days already sold out. Not just in Bangladesh, "Hawa" is gaining strong ground internationally.

This success has inspired many aspiring and prominent filmmakers to come up with their own unique scripts and storytelling styles. Even producers are now optimistic, and are looking to invest more in productions. I believe, if one is honest and hardworking, nothing can stop their success.

Considering the previous scenario in the film industry, I am happy that we were able to alter the course with our effort.

Would you say "Hawa" was a turning point in your career?

I don't believe in such an idea. Only fate knows about the future and can assure my success. However, I won't deny that "Hawa" has brought me immense fame, and I hope to keep walking down this road in the future.

You and your co-artists have invested a lot of effort in promoting "Hawa". This is not something we often come across in the industry.

One cannot make a film and watch it alone in a closed room. Cinema is for everyone.

Promotions are essential if one looks to inform the masses about their creations. For instance, how

will someone know that you are a good cook, if they haven't tasted your food—the case is the same for any creator. If the masses are not aware of your existence, then you can't blame them for being unsupportive!

You must have many other projects in your hand at the moment. Could you tell us what we can expect from you in the future?

I am receiving a lot of offers, however, I will take some time to evaluate the scripts and roles being offered to me, before I jump on board. I had never expected that "Hawa" would receive such an enormous response. I just want to enjoy the success of this film for the time being, before I start something new.

The audience really enjoyed your performance in the film. How do you feel about their love for your character in the film?

I cannot judge my own performance and success. The audience, critics and most importantly, journalists like you, will be the ones who can make such comments.

Nevertheless, "Hawa" has given me a new identity, in my character Gulti, what more could an actor ask for?

As a woman, did you find yourself facing a lot more challenges when climbing the ladder in showbiz?

Of course, I did! However, women are more independent now and are reaching new heights in their careers, through their intelligence and effort. The main success mantra for me is—discard negative thoughts and your inferiority complex, and success will become your best friend.



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'Saturday Chills' at EMK Center on September 9

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This year's summer has been one of the hottest ones in recent memory. As it finally draws to a close, it's time to beat the heat with the upcoming laidback concert, "Saturday Chills". The event has been organised by The Ensemble, and will kick-off at the EMK Center on September 9.

The concert features a promising line-up, including the likes of Aynus Moholla, Barney Sku, Beatmosphere, Rahik, Rodoshi, and Tajwar.

"Saturday Chills" will begin on September 9, around 2:30 pm and will go on till 7:00 pm. Tickets are priced

at only BDT 100. Those interested in attending the concert can buy the tickets online or purchase it directly at the venue.



Moushumi starrer 'Bhangan' receives censor certificate

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Popular Dhallywood actress, Moushumi will star in the government-granted film, "Bhangan". The movie received the censor board certificate on Wednesday. Directed by Mirza Sakhawat Hossain, the film will see Moushumi playing the role of a *churivala*.

The story of "Bhangan" focuses on the lives of slum dwellers, who have been forced to live in a slum after losing their homes to river erosion. The movie will showcase the story of their plight and sorrow.

"Bhangan" also stars Saberi Alam and Pran in pivotal roles.



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Sizzling for 3 straight months

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than the month's 30-year average and the lowest since 1981.

The average 30-year rainfall was 496mm.

June was less bad with average rainfall seeing a 3.6 percent drop and the average temperature being 0.6 degrees higher.

Experts said the whole world was experiencing temperature rise and it was due to global warming.

According to a World Bank report styled "Hotter and More Humid with Erratic Rainfall: Climate Change in Bangladesh", the country has experienced an average rise in temperature of 0.5 degree Celsius between 1976 and 2019.

It also said changes in temperature depict a different pattern for Dhaka and Chattogram — maximum temperature in Dhaka increased by 0.5 degree Celsius whereas the increase for Chattogram was 0.9

degree Celsius between 1980 and 2019.

"Bangladesh is associated with having six seasons; however, with the effects of climate change becoming more pronounced, the distinguishing features of these seasons are becoming increasingly blurred," the report said.

The report said mean (yearly average) temperatures across Bangladesh are projected to increase by 1.4 degrees Celsius around 2050 and 2.4 degrees Celsius by 2100.

This data correlated with a study that said major cities of Bangladesh have witnessed rising trends in day and night temperatures. It surmised that population density, lack of greenery, uneven building heights, and human activities were the main reasons behind the trend.

The study titled "Surface urban heat island intensity (SUHI) in five major cities of Bangladesh: patterns,

drivers and trends" released last year found that Dhaka saw a rise in temperature of almost 3 degrees Celsius over the last 20 years.

AKM Saiful Islam, a professor at Buet's Institute of Water and Flood Management, said since the industrial revolution, global temperature rose by 1.1 degrees, and various studies suggested that the urban temperature rose by two to three degrees.

"So, like the whole world, Bangladesh's average temperature is also on the rise, especially in the urban settings. It is because of fossil fuel burning, water bodies in the urban areas vanishing, and high-rise buildings," he said.

Ainun Nishat, emeritus professor of Brac University and water resources and climate change specialist, yesterday said, "Wind directions and rainfall pattern have become erratic. It is due to global warming."

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government gave a subsidy of Tk 28,000 crore."

The diesel price is now Tk 109, which was Tk 80 till August 5.

The increased price would have a significant effect on production cost of Boro paddy as farmers mostly depend on diesel-run machines to cultivate, irrigate, and harvest the crop.

About food security, he said the government does not want to be dependent on anyone for food. "We will be self-sufficient in food. There will be no shortage of food in the country. The government has been working to ensure that."

Nardia Simpson, deputy high commissioner of Australia High Commission to Bangladesh, gave a welcome speech at the event. IWM Executive Director Abu Saleh Khan presided over the programme.

Rules breached

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sell about 4,108 tonnes of rice per day from the designated OMS centres.

At each centre, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh cardholders will get five kgs of rice at a price of Tk 30 per kg twice a month.

Those who are not TCB cardholders will be given the same amount of rice using their NID cards.

Under the FFP, over 50 lakh cardholders across the country will get 30 kgs of rice per month at a price of Tk 15 per kg.

Yesterday, poor people were seen gathered at OMS centres across the country.

In Dinaipur's Nawabganj upazila, van-puller Golam Mostafa from Jagathpur village had been struggling to feed his family on his meagre income, especially after the price hike of essentials.

"Almost the same rice [that I get from OMS centres] is around Tk 50-52 per kg at the market. I am able to save Tk 100. I can buy other essentials with this money now," he told our correspondent.

On Wednesday, the Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase approved the import of five lakh tonnes of wheat from Russia and 3.3 lakh tonnes of rice from Vietnam and India at a total cost of \$378 million (Tk 3,590 crore) under G2G arrangements.

Besides, Bangladesh has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Myanmar for importing another two lakh tonnes of rice.

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people whose names came up in more than one confessional statements," the petition read.

On March 3 last year, investigation officer Utam Kumar Biswas, also an assistant superintendent of police of the CID, submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court in Dhaka.

Mohtesam Babar is also a former vice-president of Faridpur district unit AL.

The nine others include Sajjad Hossain Barkat, former general secretary of Faridpur town unit AL; and his brother Intiaz Hasan Rubel, an AL activist and former president of Faridpur Press Club; AHM Fuad, Khandakar Mosharrar's assistant personal secretary and former convener of Faridpur district Jubo League; Khandakar Nazmul

Islam Levi, former Faridpur town Jubo League president; Ashiqur Rahman Farhan, former general secretary of Faridpur town unit Jubo League; Fahad Bin Wazed Fahim, former general secretary of Faridpur Swechhasebak League; Kamrul Hasan David, former joint convener of Faridpur town unit Jubo League, Mohammad Ali Minar, former joint convener of district Jubo League, and Tariqul Islam Nasim, former Faridpur town unit Jubo League joint convener.

Of the accused, Babar, Barkat, Rubel and Fuad are now in jail, while four other accused, including Levi and Farhan, are on bail.

SM Miraj Al Mahmud, a CID inspector, lodged the case with Kafil Police Station against Barkat and Rubel under the money laundering act on June 26, 2020.

HC verdict on arrest without nod stayed

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committed while discharging their duties.

"If the government servants commit any crime beyond official duties, they can be arrested without any permission from the government or appointing authorities," he added.

Writ petitioners' lawyer Manzil Murshid told The Daily Star that section 41(i) of the Government Service Act 2018 is now in force

following the Appellate Division's stay order.

The division will now examine the verdict and the law in question by hearing the government's appeal, he added.

The government on Wednesday filed the petition with the Appellate Division seeking the stay order.

The apex court fixed October 23 for further hearing.

In a landmark verdict, the HC on

August 25 scrapped Section 41(i) of the Government Service Act 2018 and also declared the provision contradictory to the fundamental rights and the constitution.

Delivering the verdict on a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh, the HC observed that Section 41(i) has given protection to a particular section of people, contradicting articles 26, 27 and 31 of the constitution.

Govt to form commission

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motu (voluntary) rule over the formation of the enquiry commission.

It observed that those who opposed the Padma Bridge construction were enemies of the state and they must be identified.

On February 15, 2017, another HC bench issued the suo motu rule asking the government to explain in two weeks as to why it should not be directed to form an enquiry commission to identify the "culprits who made up stories" and bring them to book.

The then HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Mohammad Ullah had issued the rule following media reports that a Canadian court acquitted three people accused of corruption conspiracy involving the bridge.

The World Bank, which was supposed to be the main financier of the project, raised the allegation in 2011 and eventually pulled out of the scheme.

Later, Canadian police sued some top officials of SNC-Lavalin, a Canadian construction firm.

China may have

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It recommended the Chinese government take prompt steps to release all those detained in training centres, prisons or detention facilities.

It did not mention genocide — a term used by the US and other governments to describe the situation in Xinjiang — but it said widespread allegations of torture, including forced medical procedures and sexual violence, were "credible".

"There are credible indications of violations of reproductive rights through the coercive enforcement of family planning policies since 2017," the office said.

Delhi to give Hasina

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historic Hyderabad House.

Hasina is also scheduled to attend a state lunch to be hosted by Modi. Indian external affairs minister and some other dignitaries are expected to make a courtesy call on Hasina.

A number of agreements and MoUs are expected to be signed. She will attend a number of business events organised by Confederation of Indian Industries during the visit, the release added.

Hasina is scheduled to award Mujib Scholarship, an initiative of the Bangladesh government, to the descendants of 200 Indian armed forces personnel, who were martyred and critically injured during the

Liberation War of Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, Indian Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) formally announced Hasina's upcoming India visit.

In recent years, Bangladesh and India have sustained high level of engagement, including the highest level of visits between the two countries, said MEA Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi in New Delhi yesterday evening.

"The forthcoming visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will further strengthen the multifaceted relationship between the two countries based on historical and cultural ties and mutual trust and understanding."

Oldest dinosaur

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a critical geographic gap in the fossil record of the oldest dinosaurs and shows the power of hypothesis-driven fieldwork for testing predictions about the ancient past," Dr Griffin said.

Based on fossil findings, researchers said Mbiresaurus may have stood on two legs and had a relatively small head like its dinosaur relatives.

They suspect it was an herbivore or potentially omnivore due to its small,

serrated, triangle-shaped teeth.

"Early dinosaurs like Mbiresaurus raathi show that the early evolution of dinosaurs is still being written with each new find and the rise of dinosaurs was far more complicated than previously predicted," said Sterling Nesbitt, associate professor of geosciences and another author on the study.

The new discovery has also helped scientists develop a new theory of dinosaur migration.