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Tele-queens of this generation

Our first generation of actresses, who worked in television dramas, came in the sixties. Since then, many generations have come and passed, among whom some have left the mark in the industry.

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Some of these actresses have been doing very well, establishing and retaining a fan-base that loves and adores them.

Let us have a look at some actresses who emerged in the most recent generation, making a place for themselves in the land of TV dramas.

One of the first starts to emerge in this generation is Mehazabien Chowdhury. The actress began her journey by winning Lux Channel 1 Superstar. Since then, she has been a regular in TV dramas, modelings and web-series.

It is fair to say that Mehazabien is one of the top actresses from the past decade, and her demand amongst directors and audiences

two of the busiest actors in the arena, Apurba and Afran Nisho.

In the meantime, she has also earned a reputation as a model and actress in music videos. Some of her noteworthy TV dramas include "U-turn", "Apon Kotha" and "Moyna Tia".

Sabila Nur has been one of the top names in terms of TV drama, during this time.

She has worked on many noteworthy projects. Especially during Eid, her presence on TV in a record number of dramas, is also worth noting.

She is one of the actresses known for her chemistry opposite Apurba. Her performances in "Rod Bristi Othoba Onnokichu", "U-turn", "Shoto Danar Projapoti", "Jonakir Alo", and "Oporajita

"Naika Priti" and "Ogo Bodhu Sundori" received a positive response from viewers.

Another television star to remember is Safa Kabir. She has been busy modeling and acting in dramas, gaining much popularity amongst the Bangladeshi audience. Safa made her debut in TV with the tele-film, "All Time Dourer Upor". She has worked opposite many popular actors, such as Afran Nisho and Apurba. Some of Safa's noteworthy TV dramas include "Bhai Kichu Bolte Chay", "Fahim The Great Fajil", "Viral Virus", "Millionaire From Barishal" and "Meyetar Cheleta".

Sporshia is no slouch when it comes to acting on television. She has established a position for herself acting in one-hour dramas, TV serials and telefilms. The actress came to fame as a model in an advertisement called "Bondhu tin din". Her noteworthy performances include "Roud", "Ujan Gaanger Naya", "Amader Choto Nodi Chole Bake Bake", and "Jori Kinba Minur golpo".

The actress has also made a name for herself in web-films.

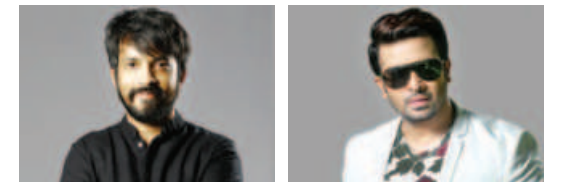
New faces are constantly coming on our TV screens, particularly in the format of TV dramas. These young and fresh faces are slowly beginning to make a name for themselves, shining like stars in the sky of showbiz.

Among some of these newcomers are Tasnia Farin, who has a strong presence in one-hour dramas, telefilms, web-series and web-films. Working with director Mostofa Sarwar Farooki, she had a tremendous impact in the industry with her performance in the web-series, "Ladies and Gentleman".

Keya Payel, Nadia Nodi, Maha, Samira Khan Mahi,

Srabonti Selina, Nabila Brishti, Nadia Mim, Mim Mantasha, Tasnuva Tisha are also up and coming stars, who are slowly becoming staples of the TV drama scene in Bangladesh.

Aryan revealed as director for Shakib Khan's upcoming film



Coming back to the country after 9 months, Shakib Khan is dropping one bombshell after another. The actor has meanwhile given confirmation of many upcoming films, including one that will be directed by Mizanur Rahman Aryan.

The director confirmed the news to The Daily Star himself. "I am happy that a star like Shakib Khan thought of me. We already had a meeting about the film."

However, Aryan is currently busy with another project. "I am busy with another project. After I finish that, I will divulge the details of this particular film. I don't want to give away too much now."

First look of 'Taali' out: Sushmita Sen to play transgender activist

The supremely talented Sushmita Sen stunned her fans on Instagram by sharing the first look of her upcoming web-series, "Taali". The actress will be seen essaying the role of Indian transgender activist, Gauri Sawant.

The actress shared the post with the caption: "Nothing makes me prouder and more grateful than to have the privilege of portraying this beautiful person, and of bringing her story to the world. Here's to life and to everyone's right to live it with dignity. I love you guys!"

The six episode web-series will focus on the many obstacles Gauri had to face and highlight her struggle to become the first transgender mother in India. The story will also beautifully depict the wonderful bond between a mother and a daughter.



Samira Khan Mahi



Sabila Nur



Mehazabien Chowdhury

has been responsible for earning her the top spot. One of the most talked-about dramas from Mehazabien's career, is "Boro Chele".

Tanjin Tisha is far ahead of many others in this generation. She has been a name that is constantly associated with TV dramas. Her popularity and ability as an actress have given her the opportunity to work opposite

Tumi were well-loved by audiences.

Jannatul Sumaiya Heme is another name from this generation that many have come to cherish. She is well known for her on-screen chemistry opposite popular actor Niloy. Heme has definitely surpassed many in this generation in terms of popularity. "Reshmi Churi", "Biyer Porikha", "Ragi Premika",

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which is a positive," he said in a video message to the media.

Meanwhile, the team management will be hoping that the pace and lateral movement on offer will gear positively towards their World Cup campaign next month as the Tigers look for much needed confidence by playing two of the top sides in the world in similar conditions to Australia, where the T20 World Cup will be played later this month.

6 lives lost

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died on their way to hospital. Another passed away while taking treatment at a local hospital, said Shaheerul Islam, officer-in-charge of Bangabandhu Bridge East Police Station.

The injured were admitted to Tangail General Hospital and other local private clinics, he added.

Sarkar Mohammad Kaiser, superintendent of Tangail police, said the driver of the Dhaka-bound Ekota Paribahan bus lost control of the vehicle and hit the microbus on the opposite side of the road divider.

A probe committee, led by an additional deputy magistrate in Tangail, was formed to investigate the accident.

"The district administration allocated Tk 20,000 each for the families of the dead. The money would be used for taking the bodies home and conducting their funerals. The authorities are also arranging treatment for the injured," said Atul Gani, deputy commissioner in Tangail.

Cat-sized reptile

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Virginia Tech in the US and one of the authors on the study, said: "Pterosaurs were the first vertebrates to evolve powered flight and for nearly two centuries, we did not know their closest relatives.

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Jahangir Hossain Dhali, also general secretary of Munshiganj Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum, said a delegation from the BNP consulted Shaon's family members before filing the case.

However, the victim's younger brother Sohan told The Daily Star: "We do not know who filed the case. We don't want to be involved in police-trouble. We don't want to file complaints either."

Raushan sees nothing wrong

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stealing votes using EVMs in the polls.

"It is not the question of whether the machine is good or bad. The question is whether those who will operate the machines can announce any results under pressure from the government," he said while talking to reporters after a programme at Lalmonirhat Nursing College yesterday.

Quader, also the deputy leader of the opposition in parliament, on several occasions categorically said they were against using electronic voting machines in the national polls, likely in January 2024, as "EVMs are nothing but the tools of forgery".

On September 25, he said the JP would not participate in any elections if the voting machines are used.

The party, also during recent talks with the Election Commission, took a position again EVMs, saying these devices can be manipulated.

The JP chairman yesterday told this correspondent, "Raushan Ershad is now sick and I think she is acting on someone's instruction. Her statement on the party's participation in the election does not carry any importance."

He also said Raushan does not represent the party and those who are with her also do not belong to the party. "I, therefore, think her statement will not create an impact on the party and thus the Jatiya Party remains united."

In her video message, Raushan said the JP never boycotted any election as the party always believed in the election.

"We didn't even boycott the election when we were in a serious crisis in 1990 [following the fall of HM Ershad's military regime]," she added.

"Jatiya Party must participate in the next national election even if EVMs are used," she said. "Elections are being held all over the world using EVMs. This is nothing new that elections in Bangladesh will be held using EVMs."

Raushan also questioned where is the bar to holding the election with EVMs "when we are using 5G technology".

"The winner always says the election is fair and the defeated side claims that polls were rigged using EVMs."

The opposition leader, who is known to have good terms with the government, further said people don't need to get disappointed as the next polls will be fair. Without naming Quader, Raushan

in her six-minute video alleged that the party has become weak and disorganised after the demise of its founder Ershad.

"The organisation will have to be made strong," she said, urging all JP leaders and activists to get united to ensure a good result for the party in the next general elections.

Raushan said the aim of the next party council, to be held on November 26, is to bring new and young faces to the party.

Golam Moshir in the briefing blasted the JP top leaders who are saying Raushan is acting on instructions of certain people who do not belong to the party.

Out of ten leaders who were on the stage during yesterday's briefing, eight had been presidium members and two vice presidents of JP. Almost all of them got relieved from the party posts in the last three years as they were close to Raushan, party insiders said.

The rift between Raushan, widow of JP founder HMErshad, and GM Quader, younger brother of Ershad intensified following her announcement of holding the party's council.

Raushan, all of a sudden and unilaterally on August 30, convened the council for November 26.

It apparently prompted the JP Parliamentary Party at a September 1 meeting to decide to have Raushan removed from the post of the opposition leader in parliament.

After the meeting, a letter signed by Mashiur Rahman Ranga, the opposition chief whip and JP lawmaker from Rangpur-1, was submitted to Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, urging her to make Quader the opposition leader.

The Speaker at the time told the media that she would decide on the matter later.

But Ranga, a JP presidium member known to be loyal to Raushan, on September 20 again wrote to the Speaker to withdraw his previous letter saying he was forced by Quader to sign the letter.

Meanwhile on September 14, Quader removed Ranga from all party posts as he talked against the decision to remove Raushan as the opposition leader.

Quader in the last three weeks expelled at least three senior leaders, including Ranga, from their party posts.

There are 26 MPs in JP and, according to party insiders, four to five of them are loyal to Raushan.

No trace of man taken away 14 days ago

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According to the footage, they were preceded by three more men wearing grey, blue and black chequered shirts.

Footage from another camera, which was facing the gate, shows six men entering the compound around 2:47pm.

Nurul was brought out of the office at 2:55pm, flanked by men in grey polos. The man in the black shirt followed.

There was also another bearded man in a black polo shirt and light blue jeans in the footage.

As Nurul was taken away, footage from 2:56pm shows the older man, who initially identified himself as a client, walking out with Khairul, and another staffer of the real estate office called Tareq.

The man shook Khairul's and Tareq's hands, and bid them farewell before the group left in a grey microbus and a black Pajero.

"When leaving, he [the man in black] said 'we have been saved from a big misfortune'," said Khairul.

Govt to regulate service charges

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the country's five-star level hospitals was 4-10 times less than that of several foreign hospitals, including Singapore's Mount Elizabeth Hospital and Bangkok's Bumrungrad International Hospital, meeting sources said.

Health officials countered that by saying that the overall investment to build private hospitals is much cheaper in Bangladesh.

In the meeting it was proposed by DGHS that a private general hospital with 100 or more beds would be under Category A, a 50-99 bed hospital under Category B, and hospitals with under 10 beds would be classed in Category C, an official said seeking anonymity.

All must have intensive care units (ICUs). General hospitals without ICUs would be in Category D.

Private diagnostic centres would be labelled under A, B and C categories based on quality, meeting sources said.

Besides, specialised hospitals will be categorised A and B while medical

"We asked where Nurul was being taken. We were in turn asked to ask questions at court in a day."

Since then, there has been no trace of Nurul.

Around 8:00pm that day, another team claiming to be from Rab-1, visited the office.

This time they went to collect all the footages and corresponding devices.

"They showed ID cards but did not give us enough time to read the names. [I saw] One card had 'Rab' written on it. They took away our entire security system, saying we would get it back. We have not yet," said Khairul.

Lablu, nephew of Nurul, said his uncle had spent seven years in Malaysia before returning to Bangladesh around one and a half years ago.

"His father, who is my grandfather, had developed Leukaemia. His mother had died when he was abroad, so he did not want to take a risk this time [and came back to the country]."

Nurul's family lives in Satkhira's Ashashuni and he is unmarried.

The family said they visited the Turag Police Station on September 26 to file a case, but was told by the duty officer that they could not do so because he was picked up by men identifying themselves as law enforcers.

"The duty officers said Nurul must have been taken for some investigation and will be returned once that is done."

Khandaker Al Moin, media wing director of Rab, said that no one by the name of Nurul Afsar was taken into custody to his knowledge.

Nurul's brother Abul Kashem Hawladar, in a statement to journalists in Satkhira, said, "If he [Nurul] has committed any crime, arrest him according to the law. Do not force him into disappearance."

In a similar incident, one Dilwar Hossain was picked up from Bosila on September 19 and shown arrested on September 27. He was then charged with terrorism.

college hospitals with more than 500 beds would be placed in Category A and those with beds between 250 and 500 in Category B.

The medical college hospitals must have all types of treatment facilities.

The prices for different treatment packages and diagnoses were also proposed at the meeting. For example, the highest charge for a caesarian section would be Tk 30,000.

Sheikh Daud Adnan, director (hospitals and clinics) at the DGHS, told The Daily Star, "There was a very engaging discussion at the meeting. We will have to work together to reach a decision as early as possible."

While briefing reporters following the meeting, the health minister said private hospitals should improve quality of services. "Only those hospitals that have the capacity and equipment will be allowed to perform surgeries."

The minister hoped that they would be able to set the price shortly through dialogue with different stakeholders.

"Different hospitals charge different prices for the same test; we

are trying to put an end to this so that people are not cheated and they get proper treatment," Maleque said.

Mentioning that the country has been losing billions of dollars as many people are taking treatment abroad, he said, "If the quality of healthcare is improved, people will not go abroad for treatment. Bangladesh is losing."

He also spoke about the recent drive by the DGHS against unregistered private healthcare organisations. During the two phases of the drive in May and August this year, a total of 1,641 unregistered private hospitals, clinics, diagnostic centres, and blood banks were shut down countrywide.

The minister spoke of their plan to link all primary healthcare organisations. "Instructions have been given to prevent unplanned establishment of clinics and hospitals in villages in the name of primary treatment."

Prof Abul Bashar Mohammad Khurshid Alam, director general of the DGHS, and Prof Ahmedul Kabir, additional director general attended the event, among others.