

Whatever I do, I give my hundred percent

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Rafiath Rashid Mithila has gained acceptability as an actress, on both sides of the border.

The actress, who is now shooting in Chattogram, recently finished her work for Gias Uddin Selim's "Kajol Rekha". Her film, "Nitishastra", is also awaiting release.

She talked to The Daily Star in an exclusive interview.

How is the shooting going?

I am shooting "Nuliachorir Shonar Pahar". This is one of my favourite novels, and I am glad that it is being translated into the silver screen. I am playing 'Nelly Khala', my favourite character from the novel, when I was little.

The fact that I loved the novel when I was little, is the only reason that I am doing the film. Since I also like working for children, it helps that it's a children's film.

Have you finished shooting for "Kajol Rekha"?

I can't even tell you how excited I am for the film. Gias Uddin Selim poured his heart and soul into it, and it is going to be a banger. This is a huge production, and I am also thrilled to be playing a negative character.

Are you enjoying playing that character?

Of course. People usually see me in positive roles, so I had the opportunity to experiment a lot with this character. Down the road, I always wanted to experiment more, and this role has allowed me to do it.

How dedicated are you towards your work?

A hundred percent. I do whatever I do, with full dedication. You can say that this is a characteristic of mine.

Share your future plans with us.

I am awaiting the release of my film, "Nitishastra". This, and my film "Maya", are going to different film festivals around the world. I am in talks for films on both sides of the border, and I hope that I can do justice to them!



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'Rupali Guitar' award created to honour Ayub Bachchu's memory

October 18, 2018 was the day Bangladesh lost one of its brightest stars. This was the day Legendary rockstar, Ayub Bachchu passed away.



Chattogram Musicians Club organised a special programme at a convention centre in Moghbazar on Sunday.

At the event, Partha Barua announced a special award that had been created in memory of Ayub Bachchu.

The Rupali Guitar Award will be given every year from now on in memory of Ayub Bachchu.

Further details about the award will be revealed in a few days. The organisers believe that this award will help to inspire musicians from all over Bangladesh.

Kumar Bishwajit; Partha Barua of Souls; Naquib Khan of Renaissance; Foad Nasser Babu of Feedback; Labu Rahman; Hamim Ahmed, president of Bangladesh Musical Bands Association (BAMBA); Syed Shahid of Doorbin, among others were present at the event.

'Black Adam' takes top spot at box office again

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"Black Adam", the Dwayne Johnson-fronted DC superhero film, kept its hold of the top spot at the North American box office, in its second weekend in theaters. Down 59 percent from its launch, and facing little competition, "Black Adam" added USD 27.7 million in ticket sales, bringing its domestic total to USD 111.1 million, according to studio estimates on Sunday.



Johnson spent a decade trying to bring the character to the big screen and has visions for follow ups involving Superman. But the future of "Black Adam" is not written quite yet, though it's earned USD 250 million worldwide. The Warner Bros film carried a hefty price tag of USD 200 million, not including marketing and promotion costs, and a sequel has not been officially greenlit at present.

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money earned through online gambling to buy luxurious cars and flats, he added.

Ulka Games had around 14 listed agents, who would sell one crore poker chips for Tk 46 to Tk 65 per user, said Moim.

Regarding the transferred money, the Rab media wing official said that while the company earned a huge amount of money, they were only able to calculate transfers of around Tk 29 crore.

"There might be unauthorised transactions, which can be confirmed after investigation."

Besides that, the game had a "private chat room" option, where one user could transfer their chips to another in exchange for money.

Karnaphuli

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Sharif Jamil, general secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon, told The Daily Star that the damage done to the rivers through plastic pollution is beyond words – killing aquatic life, halting navigation and depriving riverine people of their livelihood and inflicting diseases on them.

"To stop this menace, we must have a comprehensive plan. Though we are the first country to ban the use of plastic, in practice, the use of it increased every year. So much so that our drains, canals and rivers are all clogged.

"The government must recognise this public health hazard and the economic loss caused by it. Otherwise, we will have to be spectators of our own destruction."

Explorer's

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Research travelled to Kluane Park, in the Yukon Territory, with the mission of finding the long-lost cache of cameras and other equipment.

Back in 1937, Washburn had been on an expedition with three other mountaineers to attempt the ascent of Mount Lucania, which at 5,226 metres (17,145 feet) is the third highest peak in Canada. At the time it was the highest peak ever climbed in North America.

Faced in the descent with extreme conditions, Washburn and another American mountaineer, Robert Bates, had to reduce their equipment to the barest minimum, leaving behind cameras and climbing equipment that would one day become treasures found.

Country needs peace

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citing a hunger crisis, the economy, bitter political division and deforestation in the Amazon.

He later addressed a tightly packed crowd of hundreds of thousands of supporters clad in Workers' Party red who flooded the city center, vowing: "Democracy is back."

Bolsonaro, 67, was silent in the hours after the result was declared.

"Anywhere in the world, the losing president would already have called to admit defeat. He hasn't called yet, I don't know if he will call and concede," Lula told the massive crowd.

Some Bolsonaro supporters, gathered in the capital Brasilia, refused to accept the results, reports AFP.

Electoral officials declared the election for Lula, who had 50.9 percent of the vote to 49.1 percent for Bolsonaro with more than 99.9 percent of polling stations reporting, in the closest race since Brazil returned to democracy after its 1964-1985 dictatorship.

Bolsonaro, the vitriolic headline conservative dubbed the "Tropical Trump," becomes the first incumbent president not to win re-election in the post-dictatorship era.

Caicedo wants

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face hosts Qatar on Nov. 20 in the first game of the World Cup.

"Honestly, we still can't believe we're in a World Cup, that we're going to be the team that kicks off the tournament, and we're really pumped about that," he told FIFA.

"Our goal is to make it Ecuador's most successful World Cup of all time ... My dream is to make it an incredible World Cup, to get the whole world talking about Ecuador and I'm certain that's what we'll do."

Ecuador's previous best showing was in 2006 when they reached the last 16 at the World Cup in Germany.

Caicedo has evolved into a more attacking player, though he has greater licence to roam with Ecuador than with Brighton.

"I found it hard at first because Premier League football is very fast, very dynamic, very physical," he said. "And now I think I've got on top

Congratulations for Lula poured in from US President Joe Biden, Russian President Vladimir Putin, France's Emmanuel Macron, India's Narendra Modi, Britain's Rishi Sunak and Spain's Pedro Sanchez, as well as leaders from across Latin America.

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina greeted Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on winning the presidential elections.

The European Union's chief diplomat, Josep Borrell, joined the international well-wishers, as did China's foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian and German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock.

International election observers said Sunday's election was conducted efficiently. One observer told Reuters that military auditors did not find any flaws in integrity tests they did of the voting system.

Lula supporters around the country erupted into celebration Sunday evening (local time).

"We've had four years of a genocidal, hateful government," said Maria Clara, a 26-year-old student, at a victory party in downtown Rio. "Today democracy won, and the possibility of dreaming of a better country again."

of all that, I've worked on my playing style to play fast, think fast, with a maximum of two touches, get on to any loose balls, win them, fight for them. I think I've done a really good job and it's going well.

"I have to stick to my position more when I'm playing with Brighton, but here with the national team there's more opportunity to go and ask for the ball."

Caicedo's quietness off the pitch contrasts with his confidence on it.

"We have a lot of talent, a lot of young players, as well as experienced players, who help us a lot in that sense. And so, honestly, I'm going to fight until the end because I want to be a World Cup champion, who wouldn't?"

"We're studying the teams, we're really excited to be in a group with Qatar, Senegal and the Netherlands. They're very strong teams and we know that it will be a very challenging group stage."

Great alliance of humanity

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Memorial Museum and Liberation War Museum and go outside Dhaka to see the countryside.

After 50 years, the tree grew strong and stands tall to become a beacon of resilience and hope that Kennedy Jr thinks is similar to that of the US-Bangladesh partnership.

"In planting the tree, my father said, the real foreign policy of the US is citizen to citizen, friend to friend, people to people – that no tyranny can diminish. For an essence, we are all Bangalees ... we are all Americans and we all share the great alliance of humanity."

"So, let's work to realise the great opportunities that the next 50 years of partnership will bring," Kennedy Jr, also a lawyer and former state senator of Connecticut, said.

When the Nixon-Kissinger circle sided with Pakistan, whose armed forces and collaborators massacred hundreds of thousands of Bangalees during the nine-month war in 1971, the then senator Edward Kennedy was one of the few American politicians who stood up and called the atrocities committed by the Pakistan army a genocide.

During his 50 years of service at the US Senate, his initiatives led to the enactment of over 300 legislations to address people's lives, healthcare, education and disabilities.

Three-wheelers

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city's Bangabandhu Udyan.

"We have given them [BNP] verbal permission to use Bangabandhu Udyan for their rally. Now, they can start the preparatory work," Jashim Uddin Haider, deputy commissioner of Barishal, told The Daily Star last evening.

Complications had earlier risen over the BNP's seeking permission for the rally venue, as the party did not use the venue's official name. The party sought permission to rally in the city's "Bell Park", which was renamed Bangabandhu Udyan 26 years ago by the then Awami League government.

In another development, at least six BNP activists were injured in an attack allegedly by Jubo League men in Ujirpur upazila's Ichaldi Bus Stop area yesterday morning. The BNP men were distributing leaflets of the November 5 rally.

A constable of the district's Special

He was always willing to cross the party line because he had very progressive views on various issues including human rights, justice and inequality.

Edward Kennedy had a tremendous track record of collaborating and was the champion of human rights in many countries, including North Ireland, South Africa and Brazil. He sponsored 130 refugee-related bills, believing in humanitarianism and justice for all.

During the Liberation War of Bangladesh, he visited the refugee camps in India and then to Bangladesh in February 1972.

"My father told me that the warm welcome that he received when in Bangladesh was the most memorable and proudest moment of his political life," said his son, adding that the Kennedy family has always felt a special kinship with Bangladesh.

Mentioning the US Consul General Archer Blood's criticism of the Nixon administration's foreign policy, Kennedy Jr said that today, Blood is widely honoured. That also created an example that American diplomats could express dissent.

He hoped the lessons of freedom and democracy that were learnt through the long relationship will flourish and the rights of all people will remain the cornerstones of the

relationship.

He also stressed the need for the freedom of media, which is essential for a functional democracy and collaboration among the political parties for consensus for improving the people's lives.

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Peter Haas said though the then Nixon administration supported Islamabad in 1971, the majority of the American people supported Bangladesh's independence struggle.

The US supports people speaking freely and being critical of the authorities – elements that strengthen democracy and human rights, he added.

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof Akhtaruzzaman and US Embassy Cultural Affairs Director Sharlina Hossain Morgan also spoke at the event, moderated by DU Prof Niloy Ranjan Biswas.

Also yesterday, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina handed over the "Friend of Bangladesh" medal to Kennedy Jr in memory of the contribution of his late father to Bangladesh's War of Liberation.

She handed over the medal after joining a dinner hosted in honour of Kennedy Jr and his family members at a city hotel in the evening, PM's Deputy Press Secretary KM Shakhawat Moon told UNB.

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bus involved, he added.

Meanwhile, in Burichang upazila, a motorcyclist was killed and his pillion rider injured after his vehicle was hit by an unidentified vehicle in Korpai area around 4:00pm.

The deceased was identified as Jahangir Alam Mazumder.

His son Abdul Awal Jony was rescued and taken to Cumilla Medical College Hospital, said Akul Chandra Biswas.

50 hurt

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rallies. "The Awami League came to power by casting ballots the night before the election day."

District BNP leader Sabina Yasmin, Member Secretary Rahim Newaz, and convenor Shahidul, among others, spoke at the rally.