



THE ABC GENERATION reunites on November 12

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There are few names in the history of Bangladesh's underground music scene that ring with as much power and ferocity as *Artcell*, *Black and Cryptic Fate*. So iconic were these three bands in their individual forms, that they decided to come together and perform as a trio, which was referred to by fans as *ABC*.

Taking the scene by storm in the 2000's, it seems almost inevitable, when looking back, that their paths would cross. Their eventual collaboration would kick-off with the release of their now iconic song, *Ashirbad* which was a part of the mixed album *Din Bodol*.

Now, after almost a decade, *ABC* will be reuniting to perform at this year's 'November Rain Volume 2' concert, which has been organised by Brandmyth Experiential and will

take place on November 12

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Speaking to The Daily Star, Shakib Chowdhury, frontman of *Cryptic Fate* said, "All three of our bands are always trying to find a way to perform with each other. I think the first time was probably around 2004 or 2005. After that we did two or three shows together as *ABC*. Sadly, I cannot remember the last time we performed together. So, now that we will be performing as *ABC* at 'November Rain Volume 2', I am really excited for this show."

Shazu, the drummer of Artcell, also shared some exciting news with us. "The organisers are bringing back our original bassist, Cezanne, from Australia just for this concert. It shows their enthusiasm and interest for reuniting the *ABC* generation. The friendship between us has been revived through this event", he said.

Black's guitarist Jahan shared, "While we have collaborated together many times, it has been almost a decade since we shared the stage together as *ABC*. During this gap, many band members have changed as well."

During the press conference, Sheikh Mahadi Hasan, Group Account Director of Brandmyth Experiential shared, "We have asked all of the bands to perform a special number, as a tribute to their biggest influences."

Rakibul Hasan, Managing Director of Brandmyth Experiential added, "Around 2004, the *ABC* generation was built. Their track *Ashirbad*, which is from a mixed album, was one of the most popular songs of that time. So, it will be great to see them perform together again."

Shibu Kumer Shill, vocalist of *Meghdol* said, "The young generation needs to refresh their minds and come out of the depression that the pandemic brought upon us. The pandemic was a very critical time for us, we were not sure if we could do such concerts again. So, I appreciate that such arrangements are being made once again, as this is encouraging for artistes like us."

At the concert, fans will also witness a performance of *Hawa*, *Meghdol's* iconic song from the movie of the same name, which took Bangladesh by storm earlier this year. Additionally, *Vikings'* song, *Bhalobashi Jare*—which was a one of the most popular Valentine's Day songs in the 2000's—will also be performed for the audience.

Also present at the event were Avishek Bhattacharjee, Associate Director of Brandmyth Experiential and Rudan Al Amin, Band Manager of Indalo.

'November Rain Volume 2', will take place at International Convention Center Bashundhara (ICCB) Expo Zone, featuring a slew of young and established talents including Aurthohin, Viking, Chirkutt, Indalo, Meghdol and Powersurge.

People magazine name Chris Evans 'sexiest man alive'



People magazine has named *Captain America* actor Chris Evans as 2022's 'sexiest man alive'. This follows in the path of his Marvel co-star, Paul Rudd, who was awarded the title in 2021.

Evans, 41, said that the title feels "feels like a weird form of humble bragging." He was, however, eager to share the news with his mom—who is his biggest fan.

In an interview with People magazine, Evans said, "My mom will be so happy. She's proud of everything I do, but this is something she can really brag about."

Partha Barua returns to the silver screen with 'Made in Chittagong'

Noted musician Partha Barua made his film debut in Amitabh Reza Chowdhury's 2016 movie, *Aynabaji*. Earlier on, the singer had shown his acting prowess in a few TV series and tele-films.

Partha Barua's latest film, *Made in Chittagong*, will be released on November 18, in two of Chattogram's theatres. It should be noted that episodes of the drama series, *Made in Chittagong*, were aired between 2012 and 2014, twice every year marking Eid.

Directed by Imraul Rafat, the film has been made in the regional language of Chattogram. Apart from Partha Barua, the film also stars Aparna Ghose, Chitraklekha Guha and Nasir Uddin Khan, among others.

Made in Chittagong will be released on OTT platforms within a month of its theatrical release.



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Big Oil must pay

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Chandrikapersad Santokhi, president of Suriname - a South American nation whose forests absorb more carbon than its people emit - said wealthy countries needed to uphold a promise to direct \$100 billion a year to developing countries for climate adaptation.

Sri Lanka's president, Ranil Wickremesinghe, said Western governments were quick to divert billions of dollars to the war in Ukraine, but slow to spend on climate change.

"Double standards are unacceptable," he said. "It is no secret that climate financing has missed the target... As many developed nations deem it fit to wait on their climate financing contributions, these countries were also on both sides of the Ukraine war and seemed to have no qualms spending for a war."

Scores of heads of state and government were scheduled to speak, but many of the world's biggest polluters - including the United States, China and India - were not on yesterday's schedule.

Home-grown coaches

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In 2010, when Africa had six teams at the finals, only Algeria were led by a home-grown coach while at the 1998 finals, all five African representatives had Europeans in command.

The preference for coaches from outside the continent had been the norm for decades, both in national team ranks and also at club level but is a trend that is now being vigorously questioned.

It is significant switch from Russia four years ago when Senegal coach Aliou Cisse was one of two African coaches at the 2018 World Cup with the other three at the head of African teams coming from Argentina, France and Germany.

The change in attitude has followed success for African coaches in continental competition in recent years.

The last two Africa Cup of Nations have been won by teams with an African at the helm while the past seven CAF Champions League winning coaches have all been African.

Morocco appointed former international defender Walid Regragui to the post two months ago after he had taken Wydad Casablanca to Champions League success in May.

Cameroon will be led by Rigobert Song, who is among their most capped players; Tunisia by Jalel Kadri and Ghana have Otto Addo, another former international in charge.

Top, mid tiers of police

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SP earlier, but didn't get the posts of SPs until now.

According to a circular issued by the ministry's security division yesterday, these SPs will join -- River Police, Highway Police, Police Telecom, Police Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Investigation Department, Tourist Police, Special Branch, Armed Police Battalion, metropolitan police units and ranges, Special Security and Protection Battalion, Rab, Police Headquarters, Anti Terrorism Unit, Railway Police and Police Special Training School.

In a major development on August 29, 112 SPs were transferred and given new posts.

On August 3, 50 SPs were

transferred and given new posts.

On July 13, the home ministry transferred 139 additional DIGs to different units.

Case filed after 48

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altercation with Azizur over business-related issues on October 15, police earlier said, adding that Azizur on October 21 filed a case in this regard accusing Kamal and nine others.

The 42-year-old BNP leader came under an attack by a group of five people and was stabbed to death in Sylhet city's Barabazar area around 9:30pm on Sunday.

Police could not make any arrest in connection with the murder as of 11:00pm yesterday.

Bribes now

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submitted a compliance report to the HC, saying around 200 prison guards are employed in the prisons of Chattogram and Sylhet.

Of them, the office of inspector general of prisons found that fraudulence occurred in the appointments of 88 guards, and three got jobs doing in place of others with the same names, he added.

The HC will deliver an order on the writ petition today, he added.

Lone accused

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year. After being produced before a court, he was sent to jail the same day.

On November 21, 2020, the 10 submitted the charge sheet against Rabiul.

Advocate Ranjit Kumar, assistant public prosecutor, said the judge delivered the judgement within the shortest possible time after examining all the testimonies of the 51 witnesses in the case.

He added that Rabiul was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment under Section 307 of the CrPC, and was fined Tk 10,000.

He was also sentenced to three years in jail under section 325, with a fine of Tk 3,000.

The sentences will be effective separately, Ranjit said.

Meanwhile, Abdul Sattar, the defence lawyer, said they would appeal against the verdict to the High Court.

AL, BNP in overdrive

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The AL rally will be held at the Sheikh Russel Square at the district headquarters on Friday afternoon.

Meanwhile, BNP central and district-level leaders have been holding a series of meetings with grassroots leaders and activists over the last few days to ensure the success of their rally.

The partymen have also been distributing leaflets in different place across the district to invite more people to join the rally.

The party high-ups have already formed six preparatory committees to speed up pre-rally activities.

Syed Modares Ali, convener of

UN working with govt, parties

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change, but the fact that enough funding is not being mobilised for the affected countries is frustrating.

"Unfortunately, climate talks have been bogged down in politics and economic pressures," Lewis said.

She said before Bangladesh was hit by coronavirus, the country had been advancing at a pace to qualify for graduation.

Lewis added that although the pandemic has been disruptive, the economy remained on a positive track, but the current food and fuel crisis generated by the war is also

creating pressures and uncertainty, including for the markets for Bangladeshi goods overseas.

In this current global scenario, although there are benefits to graduation out of LDC status, there are also risks.

"Graduation will enhance the confidence of the country in dealing with the international financial bodies, improve Bangladesh's credit rating and attract higher foreign direct investment flow," she said.

However, graduation will also affect certain preferential treatments in trade, subsidy to agriculture and

access to some LDC-specific funds.

"The risks need to be mitigated and this is where I hope that the UN's technical support can be useful."

Asked if the Rohingya crisis is losing focus amid many other crises in the world, Lewis said the UN continues to focus on the Rohingya issue and has been trying to find a political solution. However, it is very frustrating that there was no headway.

DCAB President Rezaul Karim and General Secretary AKM Moinuddin also spoke.

US votes in midterm polls

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up the one seat they need to win control of the Senate.

Returning to the White House Monday night, Biden told reporters he believed Democrats would win the Senate -- though conceding "it's going to be tough" to retain the House and that his life in Washington may become "more difficult."

Despite delivering on campaign promises to boost infrastructure and clean energy, many Americans have soured on Biden's leadership. Only 39 percent approve of his job performance, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll published on Monday.

If both the House and Senate flip, Biden would be left as little more than a lame duck. With Congress out of Democrats' hands, he would see his legislative agenda collapse.

That would raise questions over

everything from climate crisis policies, which the president will be laying out at the COP27 conference in Egypt this week; to Ukraine, where Republicans are reluctant to maintain the current rate of US financial and military support.

An influx of far-right Trump backers in Congress would also accelerate the shift that has been taking place inside the Republican Party ever since the former real estate tycoon stunned the world by defeating Hillary Clinton for the presidency in 2016, reports AFP.

Despite facing criminal probes over taking top secret documents from the White House and trying to overturn the 2020 election, Trump has been using the midterms to cement his status as the de facto Republican leader and presumptive presidential nominee.

In a typically dark, rambling

speech to fans in Dayton, Ohio, Trump said, "If you support the decline and fall of America, then you must, you absolutely must vote for the radical left, crazy people."

"If you want to stop the destruction of our country, then tomorrow you must vote Republican in a giant red wave," he said -- before teasing his 2024 announcement.

Polls opened on the East Coast at 6:00 am (1100 GMT), and closed 12 hours later.

Up for grabs are all 435 House seats, a third of the 100 Senate seats, and a slew of state-level posts. Four states are also holding referendums on abortion -- California, Vermont, Kentucky and Michigan.

But final results may not be known until days -- or in some cases even weeks -- after election day, setting the stage for what promise to be acrimonious challenges.

had nothing to do with the strikes as the transport associations are "independent".

However, according to media reports, almost all the top leaders of the transport associations that called the strikes are either of the ruling party or are supporters of its allies.

Vast tunnel found

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earthquakes during the course of history, causing damages.

Researchers date the tunnel to the Ptolemaic period of about 304 BC to 30 BC.