

A new phase for OISHEE

Former Miss World Bangladesh 2018 winner Jannatul Ferdous Oishee has made her way into showbiz with her glamorous look and mesmerising persona. Her film **Mission Extreme** released in 2021, and received positive reviews from the audience.

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Now, she is all set for the release of its sequel, **Black War**, which marks the third released film of her career.

What's your resolution for the new year?

May this new year bring happiness and prosperity to everyone's life. Life is a mixture of happiness and sorrow. Even so, let happiness prevail for everyone, and I hope that Covid never returns to Bangladesh.

"Black War" is releasing this month. How are you feeling?

I am waiting for the reviews from the audience. It's one of my favourite films that I am a part of, and the director has made the film with utmost care. We are expecting a lot from this film because everyone has given their best.

Tell us about your role in this film.

I will play the role of a working woman. However, I don't want to disclose anything right now. I want to keep it as a surprise for the audience, as my hard work will pay off if the audiences watch the film in theatres.

How was 2022 for you?

It has been good. Although my mother was sick for a time, I bore the entire cost of her

treatment. This is a wonderful feeling as a daughter when you can take care of your parents. Although I am the youngest child, I always wanted to take responsibility of my family.

When was the last time you went to theaters to watch a film?

Few days back, I went to watch Avatar: The Way of Water in the theatre with my niece. This was her first time watching a film in theatres.

I felt happy to witness such an important moment in her life.

Tell us about your co-actor, Arifin

Shuvoo.

It's a blessing to have such a brilliant co-artist in any project. He helps me a lot in the shooting set. He always supports me in everything.

How do you start your morning?

I try to wake up early in the morning and meditate. It makes me feel positive and fresh.



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Don't compare our films with 'KGF' or 'Pushpa': Shuvoo



Arifin Shuvoo, who has released the trailer of his movie **Black War** on Sunday, got candid about the troubles surrounding Bangladeshi film industry. The actor got candid about the Dhallywood heroes and how audiences should refrain from comparing Bangladeshi films to hit South Indian movies.

"We have a lot of limitations when it comes to doing stunts. It's ridiculous to compare our films with super-hit movies like 'KGF' or 'Pushpa,'" said the actor.

"We should try to do everything possible to ensure that our industry gains more profit and that it doesn't get affected by losses. The industry needs Shakib Khan, Sariful Razz, Siam, and Shuvoo to continue to succeed. The audience should support Bangladeshi films by coming to theatres."

Tasnia Farin's 'Aaro Ek Prithibi' gets new release date

Recently, popular actress Tasnia Farin announced the updated release date of her Tollywood silver-screen debut, with **Aaro Ek Prithibi**. The film has been directed by Atanu Ghosh and will now be releasing on February 3.

Earlier on, the film was scheduled to be released on December 2, but the date was postponed due to numerous film festivals taking place in Kolkata. In **Aaro Ek Prithibi**, Tasnia Farin plays the role of Protikkha, who is on a journey of finding solace and shelter amidst her own struggles.

The film also stars Kaushik Ganguly, Anindita Bose, and Shaheb Bhattacharjee, amongst others.



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one-month basic salary every year in addition to regular monthly salary as the force members have to work extra hours regularly.

At the meeting, they may also demand the full retirement benefits, assuming they have served their entire service life, for police members if anyone dies while in service.

After a two-year gap due to the pandemic, the PM has agreed to be present at the event.

At the programme, 115 police and Rab members will receive prestigious Bangladesh Police Medal (BPM) and President Police Medal (PPM) awards from the PM for their courageous work around the year.

Fifteen of them will be awarded with BPM gallantry, 25 with President PPM gallantry, 25 with BPM Service and 50 with PPM Service.

As per the schedule, on the second day of the programme, Hasina will address the police officials at the Prime Minister's Office. The same day, the president will also deliver a speech for them at the Bangabhaban.

On the third day, police officials will hold a meeting with Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal where they will place their demands. On January 6, field-level officers will sit with police high-ups to talk about the country's overall law-and-order situation.

The following day, the IGP will hold a meeting with police officials. The annual general meeting of Bangladesh Police Service Association will take place on the day, the schedule reads.

On the last day on January 8, police officials are scheduled to meet ministers in the morning, the cabinet secretary in the afternoon, and the chief justice in the evening.

Some return

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will hold talks tomorrow on a coordinated response to the surge in Covid-19 infections in China, the Swedish EU presidency said yesterday, after December talks concluded with no decisions on the matter.

Yesterday was a public holiday but traffic in the capital has built up again in the last few days as people flock to outdoor sites, although business is still slow in some smaller, confined locations, such as restaurants.

Architect Mubasshar

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sports arena and a philanthropist who would always stand by those in dire need of help.

After undergoing treatment at the ICU of Bangladesh Specialized Hospital for two months, Mubasshar passed away around 1:30am, said Iqbal Habib, joint secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon.

His first namaz-e-jaanaza was held at the Institute of Architects Bangladesh after Zuhr prayers, and the second on the Brothers Union Club field after Asr prayers, he said.

His body has been kept at the hospital mortuary, from where it will be taken to his village home in Brahmanbaria today.

"After a namaz-e-jaanaza at his village, his body will either be handed over to BSMMU in the capital as per his last wish or will be buried following his family's decision. This will be decided tomorrow [Tuesday]," he added.

Born on December 27, 1943, in Brahmanbaria, Mubasshar graduated from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology in 1972.

Joining the Liberation War at a young age, he was known to have fought valiantly and even took part in the guerrilla operations inside the capital.

In his professional life, Mubasshar was the managing director of Assoconsult Ltd, an architectural practice which designed prominent edifices like the Grameen Bank Bhaban and the Proshika headquarters.

He was also the managing director of Neer Ltd, a real estate business and the chairperson of Global Insurance Co Ltd. He played the role of adviser in many organisations, including

Bishwo Shahittyo Kendro, Grameen Telecom Trust etc.

Both the mayors of Dhaka city expressed profound sorrow at Mubasshar's passing.

In his condolence message, Dhaka South city Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh said, "The heroic freedom fighter Architect Mubasshar was a strong voice for well-planned urbanisation. He played an incomparable role in making Dhaka a modern and livable city.

"He was our national treasure. With his death, the nation has lost a great son. He will always be a shining light in our hearts..."

DNCC Mayor Md Atiqul Islam said, "Architect Mubasshar has left an outstanding contribution to the architecture industry of the country. He was a proud son of the nation. He enriched the art of architecture with his talent and thought..."

Mubasshar was elected president of Institute of Architects Bangladesh for five terms and was known for his fight for a well-planned Dhaka city. He also served as president of both the Commonwealth Association of Architects and the Architects Regional Council of Asia.

An active organiser in the sports arena, he was a former director of the Bangladesh Cricket Board and worked as the president of the Brothers Union Club. He was also the founding Convener of Sammilito Krira Poribar.

Mubasshar served as the vice president of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon and Consumer Association of Bangladesh.

He was featured frequently as a guest in television talk shows, where he spoke his mind without trepidation and with rationality.

5-yr-old, hit by minibus

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was when a microbus suddenly came and hit him. His mother could only helplessly watch."

Critically injured Arafat was immediately taken to hospital but died around 11:30am while undergoing treatment.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Majharul Islam, officer-in-charge of Jatrabari Police Station, said, "We have seized the microbus and have detained the driver. A case will be

filed in this regard."

Hit-and-runs have been one of the major causes of deaths on the road over the last few years.

According to a report by Bangladesh Jatri Kalyan Samity released yesterday, 52.55 percent of all road accidents last year occurred due to vehicles running over pedestrians.

It said at least 794 children and 1,150 women were killed in road crashes last year.

Over a dozen Mro houses torched

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mobile phones were looted," he added.

"The attack was led by Delwar, Nuru and Mohsin, who are people of the owner of Lama Rubber Industries," Rengain Karbari claimed.

Another villager, Chamrul Mro, said, "Some families of our villages were setting up some new houses in the area. The rubber company's people noticed it and over the last few days, they were trying to stop the Mro people from constructing new structures.

"Even on Sunday noon, some people of the rubber company came to our village and asked our villagers not to set up new houses. Then, the attack was launched on that night," he added.

Contacted, Kamal Uddin, Lama Rubber Industries Limited's manager, denied the allegations.

"I don't know anything about the arson attack at the village. I have heard that the villagers are building new

houses on our 400 acres of land. That place is ours, not theirs."

Contacted, Lama Police Station's Officer-in-Charge (OC) Shahidul Islam Chowdhury said, "The Mro community people have informed me about the incident. Police have already visited the spot. We are investigating. Legal action will be taken against those involved."

Bandarban Deputy Commissioner Yasmin Parvin Tibrizi told The Daily Star, "There has been a dispute between the villagers and the rubber company for a long time. We will investigate the matter."

"If the rubber company is involved in the incident, we will take strict action against them," she added.

Three villages - Rengyan Mro Para, Langkom Mro Para and Joychandra Tripura Para - are next to one another and the indigenous people of the three villages mainly depend on jhum cultivation.

The villagers alleged that Lama

Rubber Industries Limited has been trying to evict indigenous people from the area to grab their land.

Three organisations, that work to establish rights of indigenous people, in a joint statement condemned the attack and demanded punishment for the attackers.

The organisations are: Gonotantrik Jubo Forum, Hill Women's Federation, and Parbatya Chattogram Pahari Chhatra Parishad.

On April 26 last year, employees of Lama Rubber Industries Limited allegedly torched crops on over 300 acres belonging to the indigenous community of the three villages.

The incident drew huge criticism. Eminent citizens and rights bodies of the country expressed concerns over the incident and demanded punishment of the perpetrators. The villagers also alleged that miscreants poisoned a Jhiri (small water flow in hills) at Rengyan Mro Para on September 6, according to media reports.

Canada bans most

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foreign buyers - who accounted for less than five percent of home ownership in Canada, according to the national statistical agency - would not have the desired effect of making homes more affordable.

Rather they point to a need for more housing construction to meet demand.

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation - the national housing agency - said in a June report that close to 19 million housing units will be needed by 2030.

That means 5.8 million new homes must be built, or 3.5 million more than are currently anticipated to be built to meet that demand, it said.

China could claim

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saying it had discovered a new lunar mineral that could be used as an energy source.

Nelson told Politico that China has enjoyed "enormous success and advances" in its space program over the last decade.

Nasa is working with Elon Musk's SpaceX on the Artemis 3 mission. Nelson told Politico: "I ask the question every day: 'How is SpaceX's progress?' And all of our managers are telling me they are meeting all of their milestones."

Navratilova diagnosed

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November's WTA Finals in Fort Worth, Texas.

"When it didn't go down, a biopsy was performed, the results came back as stage one throat cancer," her agent said in a statement sent to AFP.

During the tests, a lump was also discovered in her breast, which was later diagnosed as an unrelated cancer.

"The prognosis is good and Martina will start her treatment this month," said her agent.

"The cancer type is HPV (human papillomavirus) and this particular type responds really well to treatment.

"Both these cancers are in their early stages with great outcomes."

LPG cylinder price cut

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down rationally, said BERC chairman Abdul Jalil, who announced the new prices at a virtual press briefing.

As per the announcement, the price of "auto gas" (LPG used for motor vehicles) also decreased to Tk 57.41 per litre from previous price of Tk 60.41 per litre, down by Tk 3 per litre.

The price of LPG, marketed by state-owned LP Gas Company, will

remain the same as it is locally produced with a market share of less than 5 percent.

The LPG price went up to Tk 1,439 (per 12kg cylinder) in the local market following the start of the Russia-Ukraine war in February last year.

LPG price in Bangladesh was the lowest Tk 1,225 per 12kg cylinder in January last year and it witnessed steady increase in February, March, and April 2022.