

Nayak Raj Razzak  
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The legendary Nayak Raj Razzak ruled over the silver screen and the hearts of audiences with his memorable performances. From *Rongbaaz* to *Behula*, the actor created an indomitable place in the film industry, with movies that can only be called classics. He wasn't just an actor, but also a fatherly figure to the entire film industry.

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Babita

**Razzak was a philosopher: Alamgir**

Nayak Raj Razzak was a friend and philosopher, who guided me throughout my journey in the industry. I first got to meet him in 1972, when he was my co-artist on my first film, *Amar Jonmohumi*.

Although there was an age difference between us, we still shared a wonderful relationship. I took his passion and dedication for acting to heart.

Watching him, I learned that one should strive for any role, no matter how big or small. The character has to be properly captured in a performer's heart. Then, you have to

go in front of the camera and give your best performance.

I didn't learn acting through pen and paper, I learned it from the long and meaningful conversations with Razzak bhai.

**Razzak bhai was my guardian: Nutan**

I wouldn't have become an artiste if it wasn't for Razzak bhai. He was like a father figure to me and he acted as a guardian angel for the entire film industry.

Usually, I was cast as the second lead in

Later on, I got to work opposite Razzak bhai in a film, which was also directed by Zahir Raihan. This time, the movie had a romantic scene, which made me blush. How could I be romantic with someone who played my father on-screen? However, Razzak bhai was very supportive, and helped ease me into the situation.

He was great as an actor, as well as a person.

**He loved me like his own son: Ilias Kanchan**

Nayak Raj Razzak was a father figure in the



Ilias Kanchan



Nutan



Alamgir

many movies. However, Razzak bhai would cast me as the lead in most of the films he directed and produced.

People still talk about *Kabin*, *Malamoti*, *Mister Mowla*—where we acted together. He was a very down to earth person.

**Razzak bhai played the role of my father: Babita**

When I was in the sixth grade, Zahir Raihan bhai offered me a role in his film. Initially, I refused, but then I finally I agreed to play the role of Razzak bhai and Suchanda apa's daughter in *Shongsar*.

industry. He was our film mentor. The current condition of the industry is not great. If Razzak bhai was alive, maybe we could have all rushed to him for support.

We worked together in *Chadh Suraj* and since then, we made countless, beautiful memories together.

He used to love me like his own son. When he was ill and I visited him, he began to cry and hug me, which ended up making me cry as well.

Nayak Raj Razzak is the only one who ruled over our film industry.

## Jeremy Renner breaks over 30 bones in accident

At the beginning of the year, Jeremy Renner, who plays Hawkeye in Marvel's *Avengers* universe, was injured while clearing snow from his driveway. At the time, Renner was hospitalized after he was run over by a snow plow—that was being used to dig out a car on his property.



On Saturday, the actor shared how he had broken over 30 bones during that accident.

Talking to Twitter, the actor wrote, "I want to thank EVERYONE for their messages and thoughtfulness. Much love and appreciation to you all. These 30 plus broken bones will mend."

The post was accompanied by a photo that showed Renner on a bed, undergoing physical therapy.

## Roosha Chatterjee ties the knot

Last Thursday, Kolkata actress Roosha Chatterjee tied the knot, bidding farewell to her acting career. While the *Tomay Amay Miley* actress got engaged eight months ago, Roosha had kept the news a secret. Her husband Anuran Ray Chowdhury is a software engineer by profession.

Roosha chose to get married to Anuran as her parents had picked him. Now, pictures of their wedding have gone viral on social media. Fans of Roosha congratulated the newlywed couple as they set out on this new phase of their lives together.



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### Russia sent that ship

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of ships and they can send any ship except for those 69.

Russian flag carrier Ursa Major was not allowed to unload at Mongla Port on December 24. Before that, the US embassy on December 20 informed the foreign ministry that the ship was actually Sparta-3, which was sanctioned by the US.

Dhaka could face penalty if it unloaded the equipment in Bangladesh.

The ship was not allowed to unload its cargo.

The ship then went to Haldia Port of West Bengal for unloading, but after waiting two weeks to get permission from New Delhi, the ship left Haldia on January 16.

Despite US sanctions on Russia, India has been buying oil from Russia.

On December 29, Arindam Bagchi,

spokesperson for India's external affairs ministry, told the BBC in New Delhi that he did not have any information about the Russian ship being denied berth by Bangladesh, but it was okay if the ship arrived in India.

"But for the sake of our energy security, we will bring oil from wherever we get it. This is our policy. The same policy is applicable for other products too," he said.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam yesterday told reporters that there had been no guarantee that the Russian ship could offload cargo in India.

"The rules for sanctioned ships are applicable equally everywhere," he said.

Asked how the equipment for the power plant would be supplied, Shahriar said it is a commercial deal and the supplier company will do it in a way that is appropriate.

### Bill to allow govt adjust

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parliament.

The ordinance was proclaimed by President Abdul Hamid on December 1 last year, and on the same day, the law ministry issued a gazette announcing the amendment.

With the amendment to the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) Act 2003, the power ministry will be able to decide the new tariffs for gas and electricity without any hearing. Previously, it could revise the prices of fuel oil including diesel, octane, kerosene and petrol without any hearing.

Before the amendment, BERC adjusted the prices of gas and electricity through hearings.

BERC is an autonomous body

that was established based on the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Act 2003 with the view to improving the power and energy infrastructure in the country. The law was amended thrice in the past.

Deploying the ordinance, the power ministry has so far increased the price of electricity at the consumers' end by 5 percent and the hiked the gas tariffs for industries and power plants by 14.5 percent to 178.8 percent.

The cabinet on November 28 last year approved the BERC Ordinance 2022 to empower the government

to set fuel tariffs on its own under special circumstances without waiting for the commission's public hearing and decision.

### Presidential election

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Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury said Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Habibul Awal communicated with her and they are likely to hold a meeting regarding the election this week.

"At the meeting, the CEC would come up with a draft schedule for the presidential election, which he will announce as per his convenient time."

The commission yesterday also finalised its proposal for the amendment of some clauses in the

electoral law for reserved seats for women in the Jatiya Sangsad.

Through a constitutional amendment in 2011, the number of reserved seats for women had increased from 45 to 50. But the number of seats in the electoral law still 45. So the EC has now proposed amending the law and changing the number to 50.

On the other hand, the deposit for candidates for the women's seats was proposed to be raised to Tk 20,000 from Tk 10,000, Jahangir said.

### Turns out

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On November 27, last year, Kuddus filed a case with a Dhaka court accusing Nasir of murdering his daughter for dowry.

The court charged the PBI Dhaka unit with conducting the investigation, and Sub Inspector Bishojith Biswas was assigned as the investigation officer.

The IO stated that during the course of the investigation, they discovered a phone number that was used to communicate with Parul before she went missing.

"Even though it was Kuddus's number, he always denied having it, which made me even more suspicious of his involvement in Parul's disappearance," the IO told The Daily Star.

At one point, Kuddus attempted to mislead the investigation by claiming his daughter was actually with his associate Moka Mondal, a convicted robber who served a 12-year prison sentence.

However, after being grilled, both Kuddus and Moka admitted to strangling Parul to death on the bank of the Tulshiganga river in Joypurhat's Panchbibi seven years ago.

They said they took Parul to Joypurhat and told her she had to stay hidden from Nasir. After a long journey and nearly an entire day without food, Parul was unable to put up much resistance when she was strangled to death.

"During primary interrogation, Kuddus admitted to PBI that he killed his daughter as she disgraced her family by eloping with a man that he did not approve of," the IO said.

Parul was the brightest among all siblings and her father had high hopes for her education and success, he said.

On Friday, the PBI chief said Kuddus made a confessional statement before a magistrate under Section 164 of Code of Criminal Procedure.

### Peru closes Machu Picchu as protesters arrested in Lima

AFP, Lima

Peru closed the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu Saturday amid steady anti-government protests, stranding hundreds of tourists for hours, as authorities expelled protesters from a Lima university where they have been holed up as part of the crisis engulfing this divided country.

### Help stop their fighting from spilling over

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there following the massive influx of Rohingya in 2017.

More than a million Rohingyas are living in Cox's Bazar camps creating huge pressure on the country, and not a single Rohingya could be repatriated yet, despite several attempts.

Shahriar Alam said the Chinese ambassador said a high-level committee of Myanmar will come to Bangladesh to visit Rohingya camps soon, but did not specify the date.

He thanked China for its active role in a trilateral initiative among Bangladesh, Myanmar and China to provide a platform for dialogue to promote the early return of the Rohingyas to Myanmar.

### Rohingyas passing days under open sky

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Bangladesh, in schoolyards and rice fields of Ghumdum union.

A 46-year-old refugee named Mohammad Amin said, "When they burnt down our homes last Wednesday, we broke through the barbed-wire fences to seek shelter in Myanmar. But just one day later the Myanmar military forced us to leave and re-enter Bangladesh. I don't know what will happen to

us -- we have no food, no water, no homes."

Ghumdum Union Parishad Chairman AKM Jahangir Aziz said, "Almost all the Rohingyas from the no-man's-land camp are now inside Bangladesh. The authorities have been notified, the union parishad will execute whatever decision they take regarding these refugees."

Mohammad Alam, UP member of Tambru, said refugees are spending

their days in distress under the open sky. The host communities are helping with aid and a few NGOs donated tarpaulins for them to construct tents with, he said.

Abdul Karim, a trader of Tambru bazar, wondered whether the refugees would be relocated to their ward now that their camp is burnt down.

The camp had hosted over 4,000 Rohingyas and had 630 homes.

He said China can do a lot and the two countries can work together for a better future to overcome common challenges faced by the two countries yesterday, reports UNB.

Wen said Bangladesh is now stepping into Smart Bangladesh from Digital Bangladesh and assured of his country's support to that end.

Responding to a question on Rohingya repatriation, Ambassador Wen said they have a common objective with Bangladesh regarding the repatriation of Rohingyas to their homeland.

He recognised the sacrifices made by Bangladesh for sheltering the Rohingyas and assured of playing its role in their repatriation.

### DCs want the quotas gone

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will be land management, improving law and order, strengthening the activities of agencies under the local government division, implementing the social safety net programmes, and improving education quality.

The three-day conference will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at 10:00am at Shapla

Hall in the Prime Minister's Office, said Cabinet Secretary Mahub Hossain while briefing reporters at the Secretariat yesterday.

He said there will be 26 sessions, including 20 working ones. The conference will end on Thursday.

Mahub added that during last year's conference, the DCs made 242 proposals and 177 of them were implemented.

Sources said this year's DC conference is extra important since it will be the last conference before the national election slated for January next year. The DCs serve as returning officers during the polls.

Of the 245 proposals, the highest 23 are for the health ministry followed by 15 for the land ministry and 13 for the water resources ministry.

### Curtains close on 21st DIFF

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World Section", "Children Films Section", "Women Filmmakers Section", "Short and Independent Films Section" and "Spiritual Films Section".

The Best Film Award by the International Federation of Film Critic (ifpresic) jury went to "Saatao", directed by Khandaker Sumon. Filmmaker Kazi Arefin Ahmed won

the Best Short Film award, for "Could You Be Free Yet Locked In?"

Mejbaur Rahman Sumon directorial "Hawa" received the Audience Award, whereas Fakhrul Arifeen Khan's "JK 1971" received the Special Audience Award.

"Martin and the Magical Forest" won Best Children's Film award. "Our Mother, Grandmother, Prime

Minister: Sirimavo", directed by Anomaa Rajakaruna, took the crown for Best Documentary in the Women Filmmaker's section, while "Akouse Me" by Maria D'souza won Best Feature Film in the same section. Katherina Woll from Germany won the Best Director in the women's segment for her film "Everybody Wants to be Loved".