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Taylor Swift



Harry Styles



Viola Davis

# Beyoncé writes her name in history

## 2023 Grammy Awards concludes

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Music's biggest night, The Grammys was hosted by once again by Trevor Noah—making this the third time in a row the comedian hosted. The night kicked off with a blazing performance by Puerto Rican singer, Bad Bunny.

While there are numerous memorable moments throughout the night, the one where Beyoncé made history by becoming the most-decorated Grammy winner of all time. Winning in the categories of 'Best R&B song', 'Best Dance/Electronic Recording', 'Best Dance/Electronic Album' and 'Best Traditional R&B Performance' under her belt, she now has 32 Grammy awards to her name.

However, even on a record-breaking evening, luck ran out for Beyoncé when it came to the coveted 'Album of the Year' award, with the prize going to Harry Styles instead, for his dreamy and exuberant album *Harry's House*.

Harry's other contenders in the category were two generation talents: Beyoncé and Adele. While both Beyoncé and Adele's albums were spectacular in their own way, they were not as lyrically sophisticated or engineered in the same way as *Harry's House*. The former One Direction star also took home the Grammy for 'Best Pop Vocal Album' for his third solo album.

British sensation Adele won the 'Best Pop Solo Performance' for her single *Easy on Me*. American singer Lizzo won 'Record of the Year' for *About Damn Time*, a song that took



Beyoncé

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TikTok by storm.

The 65th annual Grammy Awards also marked the 50th anniversary of hip-hop, which was celebrated with memorable performance by Missy Elliott, Public Enemy, Queen Latifah, Rakim and many more. A new award for artists who have played a vital role in shaping black music, was also revealed at the event. Most of the awards in the rap and hip-hop categories went to Kendrick Lamar for *The Heart Part 5*.

Grammy veteran, Taylor Swift also had a memorable night, winning the 'Best Music Video' award for *All Too Well: The Short Film*. Her directorial debut proved to be quite successful and hopefully, it will herald even more successful projects in the future.

In a shocking turn of events, that award for 'Song of the Year' went to veteran singer Bonnie Raitt for *Just Like That*. Most people were expecting *All Too Well* to capture the award in this category.

Viola Davis, star of *How to get away with Murder* and *The Woman King* became an EGOT—after she completed her collection by winning the Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony Award. She was awarded the trophy for 'Best Audio Book', narration and storytelling recording for *Finding Me*.

Dr. Nashid Kamal and Armeen Musa's song *Jaago Piya*, which featured in Berkeley Indian Ensemble's *Shuruaat*, was snubbed in the category of 'Best Global Music Album'. Nonetheless, it was a proud moment for the country, as the duo became the first Bangladeshis to be nominated at the Grammys. The dynamic and mystical album *Sakura* by Masa Takumi, took the award for this category.

While Drake did not submit his latest album for the awards, he ended up winning 'Best Melodic Rap Performance', for his guest appearance on Future's *Wait for U*.

Sam Smith and Kim Petras bagged the award for 'Best Pop Duo/Group Performance' for their incredibly catchy and sultry song *Unholy*.

## Sohana Saba's new web-film coming soon



The gorgeous Sohana Saba won the hearts of audiences with her performance in Shanka Dasgupta's web-series, *Boli*. Now, the actress is all set to work in another web-film, *Aditi*. She will be playing the titular character in the web-film.

Sohana Saba opened up about this latest project to The Daily Star.

"After a long time, I am working on a great script. Both the story and the character intrigued me a lot. I hope the audience will love it," said the actress.

*Aditi* was shot in Manikganj and other places of Dhaka. It follows the story of a girl's struggles, which are sure to touch everyone's heart.

Meanwhile, two movies starring Sohana Saba are awaiting release. One is *Maniker Lal Kakra*, another is *Oshombhob*.



## 'Buker Moddhe Agun' served legal notice by Salman Shah's family

A few weeks ago, Hoichoi announced a new series titled, *Buker Moddhe Agun*, which would be directed by Taneem Rahman Angshu. The series will reportedly follow the life of superstar Salman Shah, and the circumstances of his mysterious death.

Now, amidst all of this, Salman Shah's uncle, Alamgir Kumkum, has sent a legal notice on Sunday to the makers of the series.

The notice stated that if the makers do not stop making the series, then Salman Shah's uncle will be forced to take legal action. Salman Shah's mother, Nilufar Chowdhury, requested a complete ban on the production of songs, dramas, movies and web-series related to Salman Shah, in this writ petition.

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## Don't make

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at the Judicial Administration Training Institute.

Anisul said Bangladesh is a democratic country where everybody has the right to express opinions. "We hear their opinions. We will follow all the procedures to formulate the law."

Speaking at a function in Dhaka on Sunday, the US envoy reportedly said they hear apprehension from businesses that the proposed new laws and regulations in the digital space will make it more difficult for them to do business.

"We worry the Data Protection Act, if passed with strict data localisation requirements, may force some US companies currently operating in Bangladesh to leave the market."

Haas said the latest draft of the act does not provide for an independent data oversight authority and that it includes criminal penalties.

"While each country must design laws that apply in its local context, there are clear international standards we urge all countries, including Bangladesh, to uphold," he added.

## Jupiter's moon

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Sheppard — who discovered a slew of moons around Saturn a few years ago and has taken part in 70 moon discoveries so far around Jupiter — expects to keep adding to the lunar tally of both gas giants.

## GM Quader

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Quader said not only the JP leaders and activists but also the ordinary people are happy with the lifting of the ban on the JP chairman's taking part in party activities.

He said the people are expecting that there would be a "third force" other than the Awami League and the BNP.

"The Jatiya Party is preparing to emerge as that third force in the elections. The party is getting ready to contest elections in 300 parliamentary constituencies," Quader added.

He said the JP is doing politics to remove corruption, misrule, extortion, terrorism and anarchy from the country.

The High Court on Sunday cleared the way for Quader to resume performing his duties as the JP chairman.

It stayed for eight weeks a Dhaka court order that on January 19 prohibited the deputy leader of opposition from joining any party activities.

## ACC sues former director

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cycles remaining.

It was a complete violation of the tender, the statement said.

The "C" check is an important issue to maintain the airworthiness of aircrafts. However, the "C" check of both the leased aircraft had expired.

Talking to reporters, ACC Secretary Mahbub Hossain said the two aircraft were leased for five years, but after operating for only 11 months, the engines broke down between February and August 2015.

Another four engines were leased from Egypt Air to keep the aircraft operational and these were also damaged, he said.

Biman earned Tk 2,329 crore from the carriages and had to spend Tk 3,490 crore for its maintenance, operations, and other purposes, according to the case statement.

Mahbub further said Biman and other aviation officials have wasted the state's resources through irregularities in every step, starting from the tender process.

## AL likely

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Rangpur-6, became the youngest Speaker of the House.

Another name that has come up is that of Mosharraf Hossain, an MP from Chattogram-1.

The number one presidium member of the AL, Mosharraf was earlier the minister for civil aviation and tourism, and for public works and housing.

Nomination papers for the presidential election have to be submitted to the Election Commission on February 12. The next day, the papers will be scrutinised.

If there is more than one candidate, the presidential election will be held in parliament on February 19. Members of parliament will cast votes to elect the president.

The main opposition in parliament, Jatiya Party, has already said they would not nominate anyone for president.

Since the AL has a single majority in parliament, only its nominated candidate will be elected.

At the ALPP meeting, the names of those who will propose and support the president candidate while filing

the nomination to the EC will also be finalised, party insiders said.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, also the ALPP president, will preside over the meeting.

ALPP Secretary and Jatiya Sangsad Chief Whip Noor-e-Alam Chowdhury has asked the party MPs to attend the meeting.

## UN experts alarmed at child 'forced assimilation' in Tibet

AFP, Geneva

Around a million Tibetan children have been separated from their families and put through "forced assimilation" at Chinese residential schools, three United Nations experts said yesterday.

The special rapporteurs voiced their alarm at Chinese government policies aimed at assimilating Tibetan people culturally, religiously and linguistically through the schools system, raising concerns about a reported increase in the number of such schools.

## N'ganj mayor

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incident happened.

"Hearing of the incident, I went to the mayor's house, and family members of the other two children were also present there. We begged pardon, but the mayor didn't hear us. He cut our children's hair in public," said the imam.

"The children might have picked up the chain lying on the ground and the mayor could have solved it by calling the guardians. The children were detained for more than two and a half hours. We apologised to the mayor but he did not listen to us."

"Now the mayor's men threatened us not to talk about this incident to anyone. They are powerful people, we can't go against them," the imam also said.

Halim is also the joint secretary of Awami League's Araihaazar upazila unit.

Contacted, he admitted to "punishing" the children. "They stole my goods, that's why I punished them a little. I did nothing wrong," he told The Daily Star.

Araihaazar Police Station's Officer-in-Charge Azizul Haq said they heard about the incident. Though the families did not file any complaints yet but police are working on it.

Ishtiak Ahmed, UNO of Araihaazar upazila, said the local administration will take necessary steps after the investigation.

## Court scraps

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area on January 20, 2015, a day after his arrest in an arson case.

Eight years after the incident, victim's father Md Yakub Ali yesterday lodged the case with the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court under section 15(2) of the Torture and Custodial Death (Prohibition) Act, 2013.

In the complaint, Yakub said his son Jonny was picked up from in front of Dhaka Central Jail on January 19, 2015, after he went there to visit his younger brother Moniruzzaman Hira who was arrested in another case.

The following day, he was killed in a "crossfire" involving DB men, Yakub alleged.

During yesterday's hearing, PP Tapash told the court that the complainant filed the case eight years after the incident just to "achieve political gains".

## Abandoned, left to starve

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Nobody had seen them come out of the flat for the past 15 days, said Abdur Rahman, the security guard of the building.

"We often heard the cries of the two children."

Currently, Shemi and her daughters are undergoing treatment at Kuwait Bangladesh Friendship Government Hospital in Uttara.

Despite being informed by police, none of her five brothers, except the eldest, nor her mother came to visit her in hospital till yesterday.

"I don't have anyone," Shemi murmured at least four times in the one and a half hours that one of these correspondents was with her in the hospital.

Asked, the nurses said Shemi requested just chicken and rice when she was asked what she wanted for lunch.

"When we brought their lunch, one of the young girls jumped up and shouted in joy. Her sister, however, did not show any excitement," said a nurse, preferring anonymity.

Shemi's stepbrother, the eldest among the siblings, came to the hospital and gave her Tk 3,000 to buy clothes upon her request.

The hospital referred the mother and daughters to the National Institute of Mental Health and Hospital, but they were not shifted till the filing of this report at 8:00pm.

None of Shemi's immediate family members were available to take their responsibility.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Shemi's cousin Zohura Ratan Rupa, who was in the hospital, said they will shift them to the institute today.

She said it was unfortunate that neither Shemi's mother nor her brothers wanted anything to do with her, adding that she had visited Shemi's flat on Thursday and requested her to open the door, but she refused.

"She was upset with her mother

## Huge sums

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country compared to previous years, it is still very low in comparison with the tax-GDP ratio.

"This ratio should be increased. We have not been successful in income tax collection yet. Therefore, the capacity and efficiency of the revenue department should be increased too," he added.

and brothers."

She further said Shemi had no income except for the Tk 4,000 she got every month by renting out her parking space.

Nahid, one of Shemi's brothers, said his sister got married in 2011 when she was studying BA (honours) at a private university in Uttara. But the man she married would often torture her.

The couple separated in 2012, when Shemi was pregnant. Since then, she had been going through a lot of mental stress, he added.

Along with the twin babies, Shemi and other family members lived together in four flats in the same building in Uttara Sector-4. They got those as shares from the developer, as the building was built on the land owned by Shemi's father, a Supreme Court lawyer.

After her father died in 2018, the relationship between Shemi and her mother and brothers began to deteriorate. They became distant, said Nahid.

"There was so much conflict that at one point my younger brother moved to Banani while another moved to Shyamoli with his family."

He added that his nieces never suffered from mental health issues.

Nahid, a private job holder posted in Khulna, also claimed that he struggles to support his family.

Relatives said one of Shemi's brothers lives in Canada, the younger brother is a BCS (admin) cadre officer, while another owns a business.

These correspondents tried to reach Shemi's younger brother and the one who is a businessman, but their mobile phones were found switched off.

## Cops now say

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include releasing the arrestee without permission from the higher authorities, letting him go home alone, and CCTV cameras at the police station remaining inoperative.

The police official said a further investigation would be conducted to ascertain whether the trader was involved in gambling.

On January 18, at least 12 people, including two cops, were injured and 20 vehicles were vandalised as a mob clashed with police in Gazipur city's Bhogra bypass area over the death of the trader.