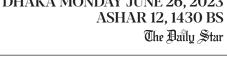
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'Prohelika', a dark-horse in this year's Eid race

"In 'Prohelika,' everyone is a hero. Each character plays a vital role in weaving this grand narrative. Trust me. we've created something truly remarkable together!"

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

"Mona is an intriguing character, and portraying the character has been a joyous challenge. I am genuinely thrilled to be a part of it," said Mahfuz Ahmed with childlike glee, when talking about his film *Prohelika* which will hit the theatres this Eid-ul-Azha.

A household name from the 90's, the talented actor is making a triumphant return to the silver-screen after eight years through this film, directed by Chayanika Chowdhury. A meet-and-greet was arranged by the film's team at a private banquet in Gulshan.

The vivacious Shobnom Bubly could barely contain her excitement, exclaiming, "Arpa is a character you have to see on the big screen to truly appreciate. The story is gripping, and I have no doubt the audience will be completely amazed by the character!"

Adding to the colour, versatile actor Nasir Uddin Khan will take on a different avatar as Jamshed, a classical singer, in the film.

"Playing Jamshed has been a challenging Chowdhury

Dive featured in the movie is close to my heart, and I can't wait for everyone to witness it on the big screen," Nasir said.

With Mahfuz Ahmed and Nasir Uddin Khan sharing the screen, their on-screen chemistry promises to be a sight to behold.

As we asked the actors about their experience of sharing the screen, Mahfuz leans in, praising Nasir's talent, "Nasir Uddin Khan is a natural-born actor. It has been an absolute pleasure sharing the screen with him. Together, we've cooked up something truly magical. Our performances, along with the entire cast, will leave an everlasting

But Nasir playfully interrupts, giving Mahfuz a wink, "Ah, Mahfuz bhai, you give me too much credit! It's an honor to share the screen with such a brilliant actor like you. Can't wait to witness the audience's

Chiming into the conversation, Chayanika enthusiastically said,

and rewarding journey. The song, Hridoy Prohelika, everyone is a hero,". "Each character plays a vital role in weaving this grand narrative. Trust me, we've created something truly remarkable together!"

The ensemble cast of Prohelika also includes renowned talents such as Shyamol Zakaria and Rashed Mamun Apu, who play pivotal roles in this film. Shyamal says, "Though my role may be

small, its significance cannot be overlooked. The audience will understand its impact when they witness Prohelika on the big screen. Trust me, it's worth the watch!"

The crew promises to deliver not only on the acting and direction, but visuals and music as well. "The music for the film is outstanding, and people are already responding well," says the director. "I urge everyone to witness the beautiful cinematography and screenplay that we have pulled of, in theatres!", concluded an adamant Chayanika Chowdhury, unfazed by the hype of other films that her project would have to compete with. "I just know that you

Nora Fatehi gives voice to new single 'Sexy in My Dress'

Nora Fatehi, known for her alluring dance skills and powerful voice, has taken the music world by storm with her much awaited solo singing debut. She has finally released her first International single, Sexy in My Dress, and fans are overjoyed.

Sexy in My Dress highlights Nora Fatehi's lively and flirtatious side, accompanied

by a vivid pop style, with its contagious Latinurban atmosphere. Notably, this is Nora Fatehi's first solo singing project, with a stunning dance choreography by Rajit Dev. Nora has also taken on the role of producer once more for this single, showcasing her versatility.





Henry Cavill would be James Bond if not for Daniel Craig: Director

Director Martin Campbell of Casino Royale stated that Henry Cavill auditioned for the role of James Bond and would have been an excellent candidate, if the position had not gone to Daniel Craig.

The director revealed details about the Superman actor's audition in a new interview.

"His performance was outstanding. And, if Daniel hadn't been born, Henry would have been a wonderful Bond. He looked wonderful, he was in great physical shape...he was incredibly attractive and sculpted. He only appeared to be a little young at the moment," said the director.

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Booters seal memorable victory The Spaniard's decision to field Maldives in a crucial SAFF four midfielders behind two forwards usual long throw-ins were proving FROM PAGE 12 FROM PAGE 12 FROM PAGE 12 FROM PAGE 12

Championship encounter at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru

Tariq, who made the decisive fumble against Lebanon that led to a 2-0 defeat in the first match, gave Bangladesh a 67-minute lead after fit-again Rakib Hossain cancelled out a 17-minute strike from Hamza Mohamed minutes before the interval. Afterwards, promising Sheikh Morsalin in the dying minutes wrapped up the victory -- one that arrived against the islanders after 20 years in SAFF Championship.

Not only Tariq, who suffered a ligament damage by sustaining an injury, every player and official looked ecstatic while they were hugging each other following a much-desired win. Later, they were surrounded by busy journalists as they walked towards the team bus from the dressing room.

In crunch situations, the booters had repeatedly shown the tendency to break down, as evidenced by Bangladesh's outings in previous five editions of SAFF Championship, but the charges of Javier Cabrera this time around displayed their strong mental side and cruised to victory eventually.

worked wonders and Bangladesh took absolute control of the midfield before striking the second goal despite Maldives drew first blood by breaking the deadlock against the run of the play.

Although Bangladesh lacked composure and rhythm before the start of SAFF Championship, the booters seemingly shrugged off the rusts by trusting their possessionbased build-up game and they could also launch several planned attacks to keep their opponents on a tight leash throughout the match.

From the onset, Bangladesh started pressing hard for the lead and Rakib and Sohel Rana went close to threatening Maldives before the islanders took the lead following a seemingly harmless move from the left-flank.

Availing a cut-back, Hamza Mohamed whipped a powerful low shot on the right-hand box, leaving goalkeeper Anisur Rahman Zico helplessly watching the ball kiss the far post. Bangladesh were frustrated but they quickly regrouped to keep their control over the midfield intact.

Bangladesh earned seven corners and several throw-ins in the first

to be ineffective one after another. Collecting a short throw-in, Sohel Rana put a cross for Tapu Barman who showed awareness to head the ball at the far post where an unmarked Rakib was present to head the ball home from close range in the 42nd minute.

Rakib was soon denied by Maldives goalkeeper in the 45th minute and after resumption, Cabrera sent three pairs of fresh legs to unsettle

Tariq headed to give a lead in the 67th minute, capitalising on a goalmouth melee, after his first two efforts following a Mohammad Ibrahim corner were blocked by defenders.

Soon Tariq picked up an injury to leave the ground, leaving Bangladesh in a tricky situation as they approached the dreaded finish line. However, the whole team had their tails up and in the 90th minute, substitute Sheikh Morsalin brilliantly drove a left-footed shot inside the box to give a two-goal cushion; and although Hamza rattled Bangladesh's crossbar in stoppage time but Bangladesh had the victory firmly in their grip by

Feeling no pressure

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in Bangladesh's internal issues, beyond the constitution, Election Commission, or government decision.

past. It is regretful that some do it. We never welcome it." However, he said that for a

transparent and fair election, the government will fully support if any friendly countries want to send election observers.

asked on the PM's recent statement that the US wants St Martin's Island, saying the premier has a vast experience and political wisdom and she said that based on her understanding.

Kayes also spoke.

Tapas Das of Moheener Ghoraguli

fighting lung cancer, receiving chemotherapy at SSKM Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata, where he breathed his last.

He had been grappling with cancer for a long time, his family struggled to gather funds for treatment as well. This year, on two occasions, artists on both sides of Bengal, came together to raise funds for his cancer treatment. A fundraising concert by 40 leading Bangladeshi artistes for his treatment, was scheduled to take place on July 14, at the Liberation War Museum. Reportedly, West Bengal government had also stepped forward to take care of his treatment.

Tapas Bapi Das, who also referred to himself as 'Moheener Ek Adi Ghora', was a self-taught guitarist, vocalist and songwriter. He was born on September 22, 1954 and went onto become one of the founding members

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of Moheener Ghoraguli, a band year, Tapas also released an EP with that would change the trajectory of Bangla music, pioneering the rock genre in the region.

Founded in 1975, original members beside Tapas Das included, Gautam Chattopadhyay, Ranjon Ghoshal, Pradip Biswanath Bishu Chattopadhyay, Tapesh Bandopadhyay and Abraham Mazumdar. This original line-up performed together till 1978. Tapas Das has been credited

as the lyricist behind some of the most iconic Mohineer Ghoraguli songs, which are "Haay Bhalobashi", "Bheshey Ashey Kolkata" and Shono", "Shudhijon others. After Moheener Ghoraguli disbanded, Tapas then became the mentor and member of his own band, Moheen Ekhon O Bondhura in 2015, continuing the legacy of Mohineer Ghoraguli. In October of the same

Lagnajita Chakraborty, Malabika Brahma and Titash Bhromor Sen, called "Moheen Ekhon O Bondhura". The album contains five songs and content, paying tribute to Mohineer Ghoraguli.

Despite the cancer crowding his lungs, everyone's beloved Bapi Da didn't give up on music. Championing the pain and discomfort, he performed on-stage even months before his passing, at a music festival

Even 48 years after its formation, Moheener Ghoraguli, as a band, has transcended the barriers of time and generation, with its timeless lyrics and music, continuing to earn space in playlists of generations to come – and Tapas 'Bapi' Das carried the legacy for arguably the longest

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Managing Director & CEO

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The public health, environment, and socio-economic losses of such use of those spaces have been calculated to be Tk 21,000 crore annually, he added.

The urban planner said developed countries converted the spaces for community-oriented uses such as playgrounds, urban agriculture, forestation, cycle lanes, swimming pools, gymnasiums, walkways, rainwater harvesting, and even exhibiting street plays and arts.

"In many instances, we found small entrepreneurs were being involved in commercial usage of the spaces. The single-use structure is not useful for us. We need structures that can be used for multiple purposes. For that to happen, the goodwill of policymakers is pivotal", Adnan said.

He mentioned the vendor policy in Mumbai, India, and said policymakers

to vendors and how much will be kept for pedestrians.

The policy has to be inclusive, participatory, and lower-income group friendly."

"In France, such spaces are used to house homeless people. So, our policy should aim to accommodate the lowincome people who are currently residing beneath the flyovers," Adnan suggested.

He highlighted the need to integrate the policy with sustainable urban living, underscoring the need to convince policymakers that it is a huge urban asset.

"The policymakers must take the local characteristics into account before any formulation of any policy for the overall betterment of the public", Adnan said.

Manzoor Hasan, executive director of the Centre for Peace and Justice at Brac University, and Anowarul Haq, in Dhaka could develop one that residential representative of UNDP, defines how much space will be given spoke among others at the event.

not welcome any interventions

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Shahriar did not elaborate when

DCAB President Rezaul Karim Lotus and General Secretary Emrul