

‘Shurongo’ paves way for Afran Nisho’s promising film career

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Long before its release, *Shurongo* raised expectations of people primarily due to Nisho’s presence, and Raihan Rafi’s stellar track record.

Nisho’s long-awaited silver screen appearance didn’t disappoint his fans, who have been eagerly waiting to watch him where he arguably belongs. Despite heavy rain, most shows in multiplexes went houseful. Due to the skyrocketing demand of the audience, *Shurongo* made an all-time record at Star Cineplex, having 33 shows every day.

It is expected that the film will have more halls on the second day.

There was debate amongst people regarding whether *Shurongo* could do well in cinema halls. After all, the transition of television stars to the big screen doesn’t always go smoothly. In just four days of its release, the equation culminated towards the scenario where people welcomed him with all their hearts.

Although over the last two decades, there were many small screen stars who came to films, but failed to make any difference in their film career. Chanchal Chowdhury is one exception, who became synonymous with hit movies.

Nisho’s journey seems to prelude to another such event. Moreover, a film’s commercial success can be judged after one month of its release. The way fans are showering their love, is showing a positive sign that *Shurongo* will be tagged as a commercially hit movie.

Tama Mirza played Moyna, alongside Nisho as Masud



People flocked to see their favourite television star on the big screen.

in the film. Their chemistry spellbound the audience to the extent that they are being called by their characters’ name already.

Raihan Rafi told The Daily Star that all of the tickets for the next four days are already sold out. “This is extremely great news for us, and the Bangladeshi film industry. Our cinema is growing,” said Rafi. He also informed that not just multiplexes, *Shurongo* is going houseful in the single screens outside Dhaka as well.

Nisho and Tama are also excited with the news. They are grateful to the audience for showing support and loving their work.

Shurongo will be making waves outside the country too. It will be released in the USA, Canada, India, Australia, and the Middle East very soon.

Rafi shared that on July 7, *Shurongo* will be released in 6 cities of Australia, while it will release on July 21 in Canada and in the USA on July 28.

Ranveer Singh to replace SRK in ‘Don 3’?



Following the success of *Pathaan*, speculations regarding Shah Rukh Khan reprising his iconic role as Don in the third installment of the series began circulating online. However, recent developments have left some moviegoers disappointed, as reports suggest that it will be Ranveer Singh who will lead the way in *Don 3*, directed by Farhan Akhtar.

According to the latest update, Ranveer will carry forward the legacy of this action-packed series. An official announcement confirming this exciting news is expected to be made next week, coinciding with Ranveer’s birthday on July 6.



Rihanna makes history on Spotify

Rihanna recently reached a big career milestone by being the first female artist to have ten songs with over one billion Spotify plays.

Rihanna happily announced her achievement on Instagram, captioning her photo with a playful nod to her success despite the fact that she hasn’t released new album in a long time. The singer’s cultural impact is clear, as she effortlessly breaks records without releasing new music.

Rihanna’s last full-length album was released in 2016. Despite the fact that she has appeared on multiple tracks and contributed to movie soundtracks, they are looking forward to hearing fresh original music from her.

COUNTRYWIDE

ILLEGAL AUTO-RICKSHAW STAND

A nuisance for students, pedestrians

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An illegal stand for CNG-run auto-rickshaws in front of Mominunnesa Government Mohila College in Mymensingh city has been a nuisance for hundreds of students and pedestrians for long.

As a result, the important road, which connects Muktagachha upazila with the metropolitan city, often witnesses serious gridlock.

Many city dwellers alleged that although a syndicate has been continuing the business for nearly 20 years, none has come forward to stop the menace for the better interest of the college and people living in the nearby areas.

Several hundred auto-rickshaws from the stand carries hundreds of passengers to different areas of Mymensingh, Jamalpur and Tangail.

Drivers keep a major portion of the important road as well as footpaths on its either sides occupied most of the time, locals said.

Razia Moni, an honours student

of the institution, said they face serious trouble while coming to and from the college as the entire footpath on both sides of the road are kept occupied by auto-rickshaws, microbuses and private cars.

Thousands of city dwellers including many students use the road as Mymensingh Circuit House, District Public Library, Town Hall and several other educational institutions like Shaheed Syed Nazrul Islam College, Government Ananda Mohan College, Muslim Girls’ School are located close to the women’s college, another student Suborna Sathi said.

Sources at the college said it is very difficult to conduct any educational activities due to serious sound pollution during working hours.

One of the teachers of the college, seeking anonymity, said the matter was raised at the district law and order meetings on several occasions, but to no avail.

Prof Mohammad Abu Taher, principal of Mominunnesa Government Mohila College,

said they have urged the district administration, police and city corporation authorities to take necessary steps to remove the illegal stand from the area, but no measure has been taken yet due to unknown reason.

Moreover, despite widespread public protest against illegal parking on roads, none has taken any fruitful step to mitigate the sufferings, he added.

While talking to this correspondent, Nurul Amin Kalam, secretary of Mymensingh Nagarik Andolon, demanded immediate removal of the illegal auto-rickshaw stand to avoid perennial traffic congestion.

Rakibul Islam, president of Zila CNG and Mahendra Malik Samity, said they have been running the auto-rickshaw stand after taking verbal permission from the city corporation and police. Contacted, Aminul Islam, assistant secretary at Mymensingh City Corporation, said decision has been taken to shift the stand to a suitable place, but they are yet to implement it.



This illegal stand for auto-rickshaws, located just in front of Mominunnesa Government Mohila College in Mymensingh city, has been a nuisance for the city dwellers.

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Emi Martinez due today

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number of events over the next 48 hours, at 4:10pm in the afternoon.

The Aston Villa No. 1 will meet Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office in the afternoon after a programme at the office of NEXT Ventures, a digital business group, in the morning.

“The trip will be very short. He will attend a programme at the office of NEXT Ventures and then will go to meet the PM at her office before

leaving the country in the afternoon. There will be no public appearance,” Dutta told The Daily Star over phone.

There will, however, be a few selected guests apart from the Next Ventures officials, at the morning event.

At a press conference at the NEXT Ventures office on Sunday, its CEO Syed Abdullah Zayed said, “We already have a collaboration with Emi Martinez. He will be going to Kolkata, and therefore has accepted

our invitation. But unfortunately he will not participate in any public event here due to his short visit and 38-hour journey.”

According to the company officials, the Argentina goalkeeper will participate in activities such as photoshoots and short interviews at the programme. A limited number of celebrities including former national cricket team captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza will be present, they informed.

Central Hospital

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Doctor Muna who received Akhi at the hospital was quoted in the statement that she heard Sangjukta telling Shahzadi to take care of a patient coming from Cumilla. When the patient arrived, Shahzadi instructed others to conduct Cardiococography (CTG), the statement said.

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On July 10, the patient was taken to the CCU of LabAid Hospital where she died after eight days.

Denying the allegation that the hospital had her admitted assuring

the availability of Sangjukta, the release said Akhi’s husband did not contact any staffer of the hospital. They contacted Jeny, assistant physician, and Md Zamir, personal assistant to Sangjukta, before they headed for Central Hospital from Cumilla.

In response to the allegation of getting a cut of Tk 70,000 from each delivery done by Sangjukta, the press release said there is no such deal between her and the hospital and each patient’s bill mentions the breakdown.

AL to consider holding talks

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the people. We have been holding peace rallies and we will remain vigilant on the streets until the election,” he added.

The AL general secretary reiterated that the upcoming election will be held under the incumbent government in line with the constitution. “There is no reason to think that we will be under someone

else’s control. The election will not be held on the terms prescribed by someone,” he added.

During a recent meeting of the AL-led 14-party alliance, veteran politician Amir Hossain Amu suggested that the door for talks with the BNP was open. But he later retracted his statement.

At the time, Quader ruled out any immediate prospects of a dialogue

between the rival parties.

AL chief Sheikh Hasina also cast doubts on the possibility of a dialogue with the BNP on several occasions.

Responding to a question on whether the election will be participatory if the BNP does not take part, Quader said, “I have said that the election will be inclusive. I still hope the BNP will participate as we want competitive polls.”

UN deputy secretary general meets Hasina

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under cultivation to ward off the crisis.

The premier stressed the need for cultivation of food and vegetables even on rooftops.

She said her government has been given topmost priority on research in the agriculture sector.

The premier said they have already developed saline- and flood-tolerant rice varieties and are working to

improve those further.

About the Rohingya issue, she said they have given Rohingyas shelter in Bangladesh on humanitarian grounds.

“But, they have become a big burden for us. It has created social problems,” she continued.

Amina J Mohammed said 52 countries are now on the verge of crisis due to the fallout of the pandemic and Russia-Ukraine war.

“We have to face the crisis together.

It is a big challenge for the developing nations,” she said.

She praised the contribution of Bangladeshi peacekeepers in maintaining world peace.

PM’s ambassador-at-large Mohammad Ziauddin, PM’s Principal Secretary Md Tofazzel Hossain Miah and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations Muhammad Abdul Muhith were present at the time.