

Will release new album soon: Arnob

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Shayan Chowdhury Arnob, a popular name on the list of Bengali music lovers, has not failed when it comes to keeping up with his fans’ expectations.

In recent years, he has grown to be what many would call a magician, playing and experimenting with new tunes and beats, all of which trace back to the traditional roots of this subcontinent.

With his concert, *Magical Night* just around the corner, The Daily Star caught up with the musician to learn more about performances that are yet to reach his listeners in the upcoming days.

Let’s talk about your journey in Coke Studio Bangla. Where does the ‘Magic’ come from?

Coke Studio Bangla has always welcomed experimentation, and that is where the magic comes



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from. The journey so far has been very rewarding, I must admit, as trying out new things and making mistakes are two actions that leave us with a lot of new knowledge.

Trying out new combinations and fusing old roots with new branches is challenging. However, the thrill this challenge brings is intriguing and very empowering.

There are ups and downs in every chapter of life, and this journey is no different. But there is beauty when a bunch of musicians create chaotic harmony. And that’s what fuels the magic, I believe.

You will soon be performing in ‘Magical Night’, where you will be seen live alongside Anupam Roy, Taalpatar Shepai, Meghdol, and the famous Hatirpool Sessions. What should the audience expect from you today?

We have been rehearsing so that we don’t let down our listeners, but I also look to keep a special request segment where I will sing what my audience wants me to.

I really don’t want to disappoint them.

Should the audience gear up for more Arnob-Anupam collaboration?

Can’t really say. We had made plans before, but time was never in our favour, so nothing was made official. However, let’s see what this meeting at the concert leaves us with!

Give us a sneak-peek of what’s coming next on Coke Studio Bangla.

Well, the next track, will be another experimental number where two artistes from polarised musical images will bring forth

the fusion of a serious musical practice and pop.

Also, Coke Studio is not about individuality; rather, it’s a collective effort to create good music. I have never believed in competition and always look to encourage participation.

We all have our own different sounds and that’s fun, but together we can cater to a wider audience.

What other ventures are you currently working on?

I have been working on an album, for quite some time and hope to release it soon. It will comprise of 10 new tracks, mostly solos, with lyrics driven by celebrated poets.

However, I have something special in mind for this project, and hope the wait will be justified once it is released.

Pori Moni’s ‘Maa’ screening again



Pori Moni made headlines when she announced that she will be playing the role of mother in Aranyo Anawer’s movie *Maa*. The film was also premiered in Cannes, but unfortunately couldn’t run as much in theaters.

Fans who want to see the film again, can do so soon. From today till July 8, the film will be shown twice a day at the Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium, one at 5:30 PM and the other at 8 PM.

The tickets have been priced between BDT 200 and 250, available directly at the academy counter or can be purchased online in advance.

Aamir Khan and Rajkumar Hirani reunite after 10 years



A decade after their last collaboration, *PK*, noted actor Aamir Khan and famed director Rajkumar Hirani are back together for a new, untitled biopic. Previously, the duo had also collaborated on the Bollywood super-hit film *3 Idiots*, released in 2009.

According to media sources, Rajkumar Hirani has already shared the story of the new production—which is said to be a biopic—with Aamir Khan. Moreover, the two are expected to start working on the new film after the director wraps up his upcoming film, *Dunki*, starring Shah Rukh Khan and Taapsee Pannu.

COUNTRYWIDE

HABIGANJ LANDSLIDE

Lone makeshift bridge breaks down

MINTU DESHWARA

Sudden collapse of a makeshift bamboo bridge over Satchhari Canal, connecting Tripura village with Habiganj’s Chunarughat upazila headquarters, due to landslide caused by flash flood has left several families of the village in immense sufferings.

Villagers said the makeshift bridge in the only means of communication for 22 indigenous families, who use the bridge frequently to go to their destinations including the upazila headquarters for different purposes.

Meanwhile, due to the sudden collapses of the bridge many residents of the village are now compelled to their destinations for their daily works by wading through the flood water, locals said.

During a visit to the area this correspondent saw all kinds of movement through the bridge has been completely snapped due to sudden collapse of the important bridge.

Local indigenous villagers said the makeshift bamboo bridge broke down and washed away on Tuesday due to onrush of water caused by continuous rainfall in the last couple of days.

Despite submitting written applications to different departments including the district administration,

nothing has been done so far to construct a permanent bridge over the canal, they alleged.

Besides, after the old-bridge washed away last year, the upazila parishad built the recently collapse bamboo-made bridge to facilitate movement of members of the 22 families living in the village.

Locals said people living in the village started to face landslide since 2018 and one by one at least four families have lost their homesteads since then.

Chitta Debbarma, headman of the village, said houses of four family have already been washed away due to landslides caused by onrush of water in the last few years.

Last year, the old makeshift bridge collapsed due to sudden landslide, he said, adding that although the upazila administration later constructed this wooden-structured bamboo bridge, that too washed away on Tuesday.

Contacted, Chunarughat Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Siddhartha Bhowmik said they built the bamboo bridge at a cost of around Tk 2.5 lakh last year, but it collapsed again.

If the guide walls of the bridge are not constructed, it will collapse again, he said, adding that they have sent letter to the Water Development Board (WDB) to take necessary step in this regard.

Ex-Biman GM, 29 others charged in DSA case

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helper Javed Hoassain and employees Harun Or Rashid and Jakir Hossain collected and sold the question paper. Employees Jahid Hasan and Somazu alias Sobahan distributed them, the charge sheet said.

The investigator also found the involvement of ground handling equipment operators Mohsin Ali, Mizanur

Rahman, Faruque Hossain, Nazrul Islam, and Firoz Alam, scheduling supervisor Mahbub Alam Sharif, security guard Ayyub Uddin, traffic helpers Al-Amin, Abdul Malek, and Alamgir Hossain, drivers Abdullah Sheikh and Sazzadul Islam, Biman employees Tapash Kumar Mondol, Biman Flight Catering Centre employee Sultan Hossain, Bangladesh Betar’s driver Faruk Hossain, and

individuals Murad Sheikh alias Mostafizur Rahman, Jewel Mia and Razib Mollah in the crime.

Among the 30 accused, Mahbub Ali, Awlad, Jahangir, Masud, Jahid, Anamul, Harun, Mahfuzul, Somaju, Jakir and Javed are in jail and they have made confessional statements before magistrates.

The 19 others, including Major Taiz, are absconding and the investigator, in the

charge sheet, appealed to the court to issue arrest warrants against them.

On October 21 last year, Biman was to hold a recruitment exam. The test was suspended around two hours prior to its start since the question paper had been leaked.

Following the incident, DB Sub-Inspector Shoriful Islam filed a case with Biman Bandar Police Station under the Digital

Security Act on October 26 that year.

Taiz was removed in January this year after his name surfaced in connection with the leak. He was sent back to Bangladesh Army.

In November last year, the national flag carrier submitted a report to the ministry pointing fingers at Taiz on several issues, including his involvement in the question paper leak.

Govt clips the PPP authority’s independence

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sudden though the prime minister is the chairman of the PPP authority’s governing body.

Gonoforum lawmaker Mokabbir Khan said the bill would impose government’s control by reducing the power of the PPP authority.

“Now they [PPP authority] will need permission for making financial decisions.”

He said private investors would feel discouraged if this amendment is made.

The lawmaker said the largest investments under PPP initiatives were made in the power sector. Thousands of crores of taka are being looted from this sector in the name of capacity charge and a law like the Indemnity Act has been enacted to protect the looters, he alleged.

JP MP Pir Fazlur Rahman said the government’s control over the PPP authority would be increased through the amendment. This will increase the bureaucratic

complexity, he added.

Another JP lawmaker Kazi Firoz Rashid said no ordinary businesspeople was able to work under the PPP. All those who are working under PPP initiatives are tycoons.

Responding to the lawmakers’ criticism, the liberation war affairs minister said, “We expected that the opposition would appreciate the fact that the power would lie with the government rather than with the PPP authority.

Instead, the lawmakers said that the authorities should be empowered and the government should be disempowered. This cannot happen in the parliamentary system.”

Mozammel said the amendment has been brought because no authority can be given the ultimate power or independence bypassing the government.

Yesterday, Bangladesh Public Procurement Authority Bill-2023 was

placed in the House to turn Central Procurement Technical Unit into a directorate and ensure transparency, skill, and accountability in public procurement.

Planning Minister MA Mannan placed the bill in parliament, which was sent to the JS standing committee on the planning ministry for further scrutiny.

The JS watchdog was asked to submit its report to the House in 60 working days.

Afghans seal series

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the supporters -- who had braved the inclement weather and stayed late to cheer on the Tigers -- disappointed.

With no scoreboard pressure, Bangladesh bowlers were unable to force any mistake from the Afghan batters, who were steady and patient in their chase. Star all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan gave the Tigers the breakthrough in the 16th over when he removed Gurbaz (22 off 45), but by that time the visitors had already assumed control of the game by adding 54

runs on the board. Zadran remained unbeaten on 41.

Earlier, on a bleak day for batters, skipper Tamim Iqbal (13 off 21) succumbed to Fazalhaq Farooqi, who has now taken the prized scalp of the Bangladesh captain on all the four occasions the two faced each other.

Towhid Hridoy stood out as the youngster notched his third fifty in his seventh ODI to help the Tigers avert humiliation. Hridoy’s 69-ball 51 was the only thing holding together the Tigers’ innings that lacked partnerships.

Pregnant woman dies

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As the news spread in the neighbourhood, locals along with the victim’s family members started damaging the clinic’s premises.

Police then rushed to the spot and calmed the situation, Masud said, adding that no case had

been filed over the incident.

Contacted, Swapan Dey, managing director of the facility, said: “The patient died of a cardiac arrest after she was given an anaesthetic injection.”

A medical investigation would be able to confirm whether there was a wrong treatment.

“The clinic began operation in January. We applied for a licence and a team from the health directorate visited the clinic. We were waiting to get the licence, but it was taking time. Still, it was our fault that we were running the clinic without a licence as per the rule.”

Bogura’s yogurt among 4 products

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Asked about benefits of the GI tag, Zillur said, “This gives the recognition of a geographical location of a particular product. Also, the exporters of these products can get a higher price.”

According to the World Intellectual Property Organisation, GI is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.

The DPDT under the commerce ministry grants GI certificates in accordance with the Geographical Indicative Products (Registration and Protection) Act-2013.



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