



Ekattorer Nishan



Chetonay Mujib



Rintur Na Phera



Abar Ashibo Phire

## Television channels to pay homage to FATHER OF THE NATION on National Day of Mourning

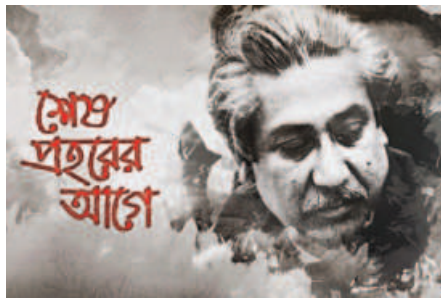
It has been 48 years since the darkest night in the history of Bangladesh took place. It was August 15 when the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, along with his family, were brutally assassinated. The entire nation lost a guardian that day. Observing the day, television channels have showcased several programmes to commemorate the leader and his family.

### ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

At 7 am, BTv will air the documentary *15 August Shei Raat*. The singing programme *Chetonay Mujib* will be screened at 8:15 am. The channel has arranged a children's programme *Bangabandhu Ke Jani* commemorating the day, which will be telecasted at 9 am. The documentary *Shoke Noy Chetonay Mujib* is going to air at 10:10 am. To add the flavour of stage, they will telecast the



Bojrokantho



Shesh Prohorer Agey



Animated film Mujib Bhai

play *Obhishopto August* at 12:40 pm. The feature film *Tungiparar Miya Bhai*, directed by Shamim Ahamed Roni, will be aired at 2:30 pm. Poem recitation for Bangabandhu will be shown at 6:20 pm, while the read-along of excerpts from *Bangabandhu'r Oshomapto Atmajiboni* will be aired at 6:45 pm. The talk show *Tarunner Bhabnay Bangabandhu* will be featured at 7 pm. Special fiction *Abar Ashibo Phire*, directed by Animesh Aich will be telecasted at 9 pm.

DeepTV has arranged a wide range of programme focusing on the National Day of Mourning. At 7:40 am, they will air the documentaries *Bari Number*

677 and *Shesh Prohorer Agey* at 8 am. At 11:30 pm, the talkshow *Shokaboho August* will be held. Channel's arrangement for August 15 consists of the special fiction *Rintur Na Phera*, which will be aired at 7:50 pm. It has been directed by Anjan Aich. Based on Rabeya Khatun's novel of the same name, the telefilm *Ekattorer Nishan* will be aired at 3:05 pm. It has been directed by Taher Shipon. It features Fazlur Rahman Babu, Kachi Khandoker, and Munira Mithu among others.

Boishakhi television will air the songs from the films based on the Liberation War of Bangladesh at 9:10 am. At 10 pm, the channel will air the fiction *Chetonay*

*Mujib*. It has been directed by Akash Ranjan. It stars Shahiduzzaman Selim, Tonmoy Sohel, and Ashraf Kabir among others.

The channel will air three patriotic films. At 10:10 am the film *Shipahi* will be aired, which featured Ilias Kanchan, Manna, and Champa. The animated film based on Bangabandhu's incomplete memoirs *Mujib Bhai* will be telecasted at 12:20 pm. It has been directed by Sohel Mohammad Rana. Another film, *Hangor Nodir Grenade* will be aired at 2:45 pm. Directed by Chashi Nazrul Islam, the film stars Sohel Rana, Shuchorita, Dodul and Aruna Biswas among others. The film *Deshar Mati* will be aired at 12 am. It stars Manna, Shahnaz, and Humayun Faridee among others.

Maasranga television's arrangement for August 15 includes the animation film *Mujib Bhai* to air at 6 pm. The channel will telecast the documentary *Hasina: A Daughter's Tale* at 7:35 pm. The docufilm has been directed by Piplu R Khan. The fiction *Bojrokantho* will be aired at 10:30 pm which has been directed by Rokeya Prachi. It stars Intiaz Barshon, Nishat Priom and Rokeya Prachi among others.

## Tasnia Farin gets married

Tasnia Farin, ending all rumours about herself in the media, has finally tied the knot. She got married to Shaikh Rezwana, a long-time companion of hers. According to her post on social media, they fell in love back in their college days.

"We fell in love when I was in college, before I first appeared in front of the camera. My life rapidly changed before you," she wrote, continuing, "You were there for me like a shadow; always inspiring me and being my support system despite not being related to my field of work at all. We have always prioritized each other and only focused on making our visions and dreams come true."

The actor completed her 'akhd' ceremony surrounded by friends and family.



## Shakib Khan's 'Priyotoma' to make its OTT debut

Ever since last Eid-ul-Azha, the Shakib Khan starrer film, *Priyotoma* has been creating waves amongst fans. The film is still being screened in over fifty cinema halls across Bangladesh, and even in abroad countries like USA, Australia, Ireland, and India among others.

After making a name for itself both nationally and internationally, the film is now getting ready to make its debut in the OTT scenes. *Priyotoma* will soon be available on the streaming platform, Bioscope.



## NEWS

### Floods

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Rangamati district primary education officer, adding that classes in all schools will resume within two or three days.

Meanwhile, school students and their families have been facing their own struggles due to the floods.

"Our house has been severely damaged and my fourth grader son's textbooks were washed away," said Chapchar Bwam, of Rangamati's Belaichhari upazila.

Utpal Chakma, of Julaichhari upazila, said, "My daughter is a grade three student. Her school is yet to reopen due to flood damage."

Torrential rain and tidal water have caused the sudden floods that wreaked havoc in the southeastern region, affecting over one million people, according to media reports.

(Our correspondents from Chattogram, Cox's Bazar and Rangamati contributed to the report.)

### Mayor blames

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He did not clean the drains and canals, he said they cleaned those on a regular basis, but people throw plastic and polythene wastes hours later.

"The Chattogram Development Authority has been working on 36 canals under a mega project to address waterlogging. But they did not excavate soil from those, so the canals could not contain the rain water," he said.

He said the CDA authorities have assured him of taking necessary actions in this regard after yesterday's meeting.

"After completion of the project, we hope the city dwellers will get relief from waterlogging," he said.

The mayor also stated that this month had the most rain in 30 years, which contributed to the city's severe waterlogging this year.

Meanwhile, in a press conference on Wednesday, CDA chairman Jahirul Alam Dobhash alleged that as the CCC was not competent, the government entrusted CDA with the mega project for addressing waterlogging.

When journalists brought the remark of the CDA Chairman before the CCC mayor yesterday, he said it might be a slip of tongue.

"Every service providing authority has capability... all are competent," said the mayor, adding, "We should not take this remark seriously."

## Elevated expressway

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Apart from these, four new rail lines, the third terminal of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, second unit of Rampal Power Plant and the Purbachal Expressway are expected to be opened to the public within October.

The development projects are opening just months shy of the national election, and the ruling party is sure to showcase these across the country as evidence of its achievements.

However, not all of them would be fully opened or functional on the day of the launching, as some works, including hiring adequate manpower to run them, will still remain incomplete at the time.

**AIRPORT TO FARMGATE IN 10 MINS**  
The PM will then inaugurate the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Tunnel on October 28, Quader said. The 11.50km section from Kowla in the airport area to Framgate will be inaugurated on September 2 and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will address a rally at old trade fair ground in Agargaon.

The expressway would be opened to the public the following day, he added.

He said the Airport-Farmgate section will have 15 ramps with a length of 11km, but 13 of those will be opened initially.

The minister also said the highest speed limit for vehicles on the expressway would be 60kmph, and it would take around 10 minutes to reach Farmgate from the airport area.

## Ex-BNP minister

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Alam Chowdhury, the then secretary general of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad.

Earlier, the prosecution and defence completed their closing arguments and the court recorded statements of 10 prosecution witnesses, including the complainant of the case.

According to the case statement, Redwan, now a presidium member of National Democratic Party, in collusion with others, withdrew the amount from the fund and embezzled the money in 2002.

On February 15, 2007, freedom fighter Nurul Islam filed the case with Ramna Police Station, accusing Redwan and Shah Alam of misappropriating Tk 50 lakh from

However, three-wheelers, motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians would not be allowed on the expressway, he said.

The rest of the 19.73km expressway -- the first of its kind in the country -- from the airport to Kutubkhali on the Dhaka-Chattogram Highway, is expected to open in June next year, he said.

People have to pay toll for using the expressway and the authorities concerned are currently discussing the rate, he added.

This is first project in the transport sector being implemented under the Public-Private Partnership model with foreign investment.

**TUNNEL TO OPEN ON OCT 28**  
The PM will then inaugurate the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Tunnel on October 28, Quader said.

The physical work of the 9.1km tunnel, under the Karnaphuli, is almost done.

The Bangladesh Bridge Authority has already hired a contractor for running and maintaining the tunnel, while the rate of toll has also been fixed.

The first of its kind in South Asia, the tunnel will ease communications between Dhaka, Chattogram and Cox's Bazar.

After revisions, the cost of the project rose to Tk 10,690 crore from Tk 8,446.64 crore, and it is being completed almost two years behind schedule.

## War criminal

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He was taken to hospital following complaints of chest pain on Sunday.

Initially, he was taken to Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Medical College Hospital in Gazipur from Kashimpur Central Jail.

Later, he was moved to BSMMU as he reportedly suffered a heart attack.

Sayedee, a former Jamaat-e-Islami lawmaker from Pirojpur, was handed death penalty by International Crimes Tribunal-1 in February 2013 after he was found involved in killings in Pirojpur during the Liberation War.

Apart from the murders, the tribunal also found Sayedee, who earned the nickname "Delu Razakar", guilty of abduction, torture, rape, persecution, and abetment to torture, looting, forceful religious conversions, and setting homes ablaze in rural areas of Pirojpur during the war.

Jamaat-Shibir activists had unleashed unprecedented violence in many parts of the country following the tribunal's verdict.

The violence continued for more than a week and armed cadres of Jamaat Shibir clashed with law enforcers leaving more than 70 people, including eight policemen, dead.

In September 2014, the Supreme Court, in a majority verdict, commuted his sentence to imprisonment until death.

In May 2017, the apex court rejected Sayedee's review petition and upheld his jail until death punishment.

**BNP ISSUES CONDOLENCE MESSAGE**

Signed by BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, the condolence message said Sayedee was a victim of "judicial murder" and "the government's conspiracy". It said Sayedee did get proper treatment during his 13 years of incarceration.

## Moderate

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especially in Sylhet, rushed out of their homes during the natural disaster.

Meanwhile, others took to social media to share their experiences of the tremors that rattled the country.

However, no loss of life or property was reported due to the earthquake till the writing of this report at 02:00am.

## UK wants to see free

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"We have established freedom of expression," she said.

Cooke said her country is interested in enhancing bilateral trade with Bangladesh.

"The UK will continue its cooperation with Bangladesh in its efforts for overall development, particularly in women's education," Ihsanul quoted Cooke as saying.

Stressing the need for Rohingya repatriation, Hasina said it would be better for Bangladesh if Rohingyas are repatriated at the earliest.

She hoped the international community's due attention to the Rohingya issue will expedite the repatriation of the Myanmar nationals.

The premier expressed worries

## Shady traders

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selling for Tk 12. Prices began to rise the next day and consumers had to buy an egg for Tk 13 at that time.

Egg price went up further and hit Tk 15, highest on record, on August 12.

The consumer rights directorate launched drives against abnormal profiteering that day and the price dropped the next day.

Yesterday, retail price of egg was Tk 159 Tk 165 per dozen or Tk 13.5 per piece, according to the state-run Trading Corporation of Bangladesh.

Shafiquzzaman said if Tk 1 profit is made additionally from each egg, unscrupulous traders have made a profit of Tk 4 crore on a single day. If Tk 2 is charged extra per egg, the amount of profit becomes Tk 8 crore, he said.

"Now you calculate the amount of profit the dishonest traders have made out of recent price spike of eggs," he told the businessmen at the meeting at the DPCR office in the capital.

"This money has been taken from the consumers' pockets in the last few days," he added.

The comment by the DPCR chief comes a day after Fisheries and Livestock Minister SM Rezaul Karim said price of an egg should not be more than Tk 12 at retail.

On Sunday, the minister told reporters at his office that it costs Tk 10.50 to produce an egg. If the price is fixed at Tk 12, stakeholders in the entire egg supply chain will get benefits.

that the prolonged stay of the Rohingyas in Bangladesh could further increase social problems in Cox's Bazar.

The UK envoy said the Rohingya repatriation will be expedited if the issue remains on the international spotlight.

She stressed providing education to Rohingyas and imparting them with skilled development trainings so that they can be re-employed after returning to their homeland, Myanmar.

Expressing satisfaction at the Bangladesh-UK relationship on climate issue, Hasina said the two countries signed a climate accord in March this year to further gear up climate action bilaterally and multilaterally.

## I never thought

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It was a matter of pride for me. I fulfilled all his needs so that he becomes a good doctor. All my hopes went down the drain," Helal said.

He said his son has tainted his family's image.

"As my only son joined an extremist group, the future of my two college-going daughters has become dark. I have no way to live with dignity," he said.

Asked how his son got involved in the militant group, Helal said, "My son used to pray regularly and was introverted. We don't have the slightest idea how and when he got involved in a militant group."

Law enforcers arrested Tanzim in 2022 and was later released on bail. He then joined Khwaza Eunos Ali Medical College as a doctor.

"After getting married, Tanzim started living in Enayetpur area of Sirajganj. He and his wife went missing on July 26 and I was informed about them going missing by the hospital officials," Helal said.