

FERDOUS HASAN: The man of thousands of scripts



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In the Bangladeshi media industry, the name Ferdous Hasan shines as a multifaceted talent—a scriptwriter, director, writer, and music composer, known for crafting thousands of drama scripts and 40 film scripts throughout his illustrious career. His literary works have also earned praise from avid readers. In a recent development, Ferdous Hasan has penned the script for the upcoming film *Kobi*, directed by Hasibur Reza Kollol.

As we delve into the depths of his career and gain insights into his thoughts, Ferdous Hasan reflects on the evolution of drama and media in Bangladesh. He harks back to the '80s when he, like many scriptwriters of his time, believed in the transformative power of drama to bring about social change, even if subtly. He shared, "I always tried to incorporate a message through my dramas so that people could be aware of the social issues."

Today, as he observes contemporary dramas, he notes a shift in focus. The social message that was once a cornerstone of the medium appears to have taken a backseat.

"Now, scriptwriters or directors focus more on entertainment than awareness," he said.

"Watching dramas with family has become a challenge due to the excessive use of explicit language," he added. He also expressed concern about the current emphasis on views and popularity over the quality of scripts. Ferdous Hasan thinks that not all popular dramas equate to good content. He emphasised, "Views can never be the pillar of our judgment of good quality content."

The scarcity of well-read individuals in today's media industry is another pressing issue. According to Ferdous Hasan, writing demands a deep understanding of literature, and neglecting classic works of writers, such as Tagore and Nazrul, can impact the quality of scripts. He lamented, "This generation doesn't know the charm of reading books, and it's affecting today's media industry. There are barely efficient writers to produce quality scripts."

Reflecting on his own prolific career, Ferdous Hasan attributes his success to his dedication and early achievements. He recalled, "I started my career in 1981 with drama, *Jhinuk Nirobe Shoho*. After that, I never had to look back." His debut drama featured renowned actors Alsana Mimi and Tony Dayes. Following that, his drama, *Jhumka*, won the prestigious

Best Drama award on BTV. From that point onward, Ferdous became a prominent figure in the industry, with top actors appearing in his productions. His notable works include *Rajje Fera*, Joya Ahsan and Mahfuz Ahmed starrer *Chokher Aloy*, Tanveen Sweetie and Litu Anam starrer *Prothom Dekha*, Zahid Hasan and Richi Solaiman starrer *Ontore Boiragir Lau*, Shomi Kaiser and Tauquir Ahmed starrer *Nokhotro Diner Golpo*, Zahid Hasan and Mou starrer *Onno Tepantor*, *Shukher Bondore*, *Birpurush Boshikoron*, *Boka Manush*, *Chad Poka Ghun Poka*, *Thake Shudhu Valobasha*, and *Jibon Jemon*.

When questioned about his ability to manage an astounding number of scripts during his three-decade-long career, Ferdous revealed that he often had to write scripts on the spot, even while on set. He reminisced, "Sometimes, it feels like a miracle for me when I think about it." There was a time when he juggled four mega serials airing simultaneously on different channels—an achievement that, in hindsight, appears almost miraculous.

Looking ahead, Ferdous Hasan wants to dedicate his time to writing more books and directing projects for OTT platforms and films.

Beyoncé unveils trailer for upcoming concert film, 'Renaissance: A Film by Beyoncé'



On Sunday evening, global superstar Beyoncé dropped a trailer for her upcoming concert film, *Renaissance: A Film by Beyoncé*, based on her sensational 2023 Renaissance World Tour.

In the trailer, Beyoncé's voice purrs over a montage of tour snapshots as she shares her tour's ultimate goal: "When

I am performing, I am nothing but free. My goal for this tour was to create a place where everyone is free, and no one is judged."

Adding to the excitement, Beyoncé has announced that ticket pre-sales are now available, with screenings set to hit US theatres on December 1.

Atif Aslam coming to Dhaka



Get ready to be swept up by the magical voice of Atif Aslam as he is all set to grace Dhaka with an enticing concert.

Star Box agency teased fans about the concert when it posted a video with his song and asked them to guess the name of the artiste, who would perform live in Dhaka in 2024.

Earlier on, Star Box organised a Facebook voting procedure in which they asked fans to vote for their favourite amongst Atif Aslam, Arijit Singh and Jubin Nautiyal. The outcome demonstrated that fans wish to witness Atif Aslam's live performance.

When it comes to pop melody, Atif Aslam is one of the biggest names. The singer has sung some outstanding Hindi songs over the years.

COUNTRYWIDE

School compound waterlogged for 4 months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The compound of Loyarkul Government Primary School in Srimangal upazila has remained under stagnant water for over four months due to absence of proper drainage system.

As a result, academic and co-curricular activities at the government primary school, located along the Dhaka Sylhet Highway, are being badly hampered as most of the classrooms are under stagnant water for the last couple of months.

Several students said their assembly has not been held for around four months due to the stagnant water.

During a recent visit to the school this correspondent found the playground of the institution has been badly affected by the prolonged water logging.

Due to waterlogged compound, students of the institution are being deprived of physical sports and other co-curricular activities.

Local residents said the situation got worsened since the flood in June this year as the school often gets waterlogged for several days even after a light rain throughout the year.

Moreover, students of all the six classes, including pre-primary section, are being taught in a single classroom as most of the classrooms are still

under stagnant water, causing serious difficulties for the students and teachers.

The government primary school, established in 1902 and later reconstructed in 1999, has a total of 154 students, but only a small number of students were seen attending their classes due to prolonged flooding.

One of the guardians Sadek Mia said in absence of proper drainage facilities children are being deprived of proper education and different co-curricular activities for long.

Headteacher Indrajit Chandra Paul said as the school compound is comparatively much lower than the adjoining area, rainwater often remains stagnant on the schoolground.

Academic activities are being badly hampered as students and teachers have to wade across the stagnant water to reach the classroom, he said.

Written applications have been submitted to the upazila education officer (UEO) and upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) to take immediate measures to resolve the problem.

Acting Srimangal Upazila Primary Education Officer Jyotish Ranjan Das said they have told the local union parishad members to build a temporary drain system to resolve the problem at least for a time being.



The playground of Loyarkul Government Primary School in Moulvibazar's Srimangal upazila has been under stagnant water due to absence of proper drainage system.

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Trio win Nobel in physics

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molecular traces of diseases in blood samples, the academy said.

Hungarian-born Krausz, whose team generated the first ultra-fast pulses in the early 2000s, has likened attosecond physics to a fast-shutter camera where the short light flashes allow a freeze frame look within the microcosm.

"Just as you try to photograph a Formula 1 racing car with a fast camera, for example, as it runs through the finish line. You need a camera to take sharp snapshots and reconstruct the movement," he told Reuters at the Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics in Garching, Germany, where he is director.

"This is exactly the concept we use for the

fastest movements that happen in nature outside the atomic nucleus, which is the movement of electrons."

L'Huillier, who received word she had won the prize in the middle of a lecture, said, "it is really a prestigious prize and I'm so happy to get it. It's incredible." She proceeded with the lecture after the news, a half hour she described as "a bit difficult".

Only the fifth woman to win a Nobel physics prize, L'Huillier works at Lund University in Sweden and Agostini is a professor at Ohio State University in the United States.

L'Huillier discovered a new effect from the interaction of laser light with atoms in a gas in experiments beginning in the 1980s. Agostini and

Krausz then demonstrated how this could be used to create shorter light pulses than previously possible.

Krausz, speaking at the Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics in Garching, Germany, where he is director, said he was trying to take in the reality of winning the award. "I did not expect it. I am overwhelmed."

While Krausz and his colleagues in Austria were working on a technique that could select a single pulse, Agostini and his group in France succeeded in producing and investigating a series of consecutive light pulses, like a train with carriages.

These experiments all showed that attosecond pulses could be observed and measured, and could be used in new experiments.

Legal issues being used

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and cruel behaviour towards an important and popular senior citizen," he said.

The BNP leader said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's latest statements on Khaleda were "indecent and of bad taste".

"A prime minister cannot make such irresponsible comments,"

The PM's statements proved that she was in control of the judiciary, Fakhrul said.

Asked whether the government attached any condition to sending Khaleda abroad, he said the BNP chief's family has said that she won't go abroad under any condition.

Fakhrul said the BNP will not join any election under Hasina. "We also cannot take part in elections given Khaleda Zia's current condition."

He said Khaleda's treatment will continue in Dhaka and once the

government is ousted, she would go abroad for better treatment. The medical board formed to treat her repeatedly said that she should be sent abroad immediately.

He said the BNP itself was in contact with the government to have her sent abroad.

Fakhrul said Ziaur Rahman had allowed JSD leader ASM Abdur Rob to go to Germany for treatment, and even convicted Awami League leader Mohammed Nasim was allowed to go abroad.

"When the ex-Pakistan prime minister Nawaz Sharif became sick, then prime minister Imran Khan allowed him to go abroad."

Fakhrul said a number of cases were filed against Hasina during the rule of the army-backed caretaker government, and charges were framed against her but she was released through an executive order of the government "so she could

avoid treatment abroad".

Khaleda has been undergoing treatment at the capital's Evercare Hospital for multiple health complications.

'GOVT'S ONLY HOPE IS TO STEAL POLLS'

BNP standing committee member Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury has said the government's only hope of survival is stealing the election as it has no one beside it at home or abroad.

Khasru was addressing a rally at Rajbari Road intersection of Faridpur city yesterday afternoon during the BNP's divisional road march, reports UNB.

He said, "Everyone is looking at when this government will resign."

The road march started from Rajbari's Goaland around 11:00am as part of the BNP's one-point movement demanding resignation of the government and polls under a non-party neutral administration.

Tigers land

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released a behind-the-scenes video footage of Bangladesh's official photoshoot for the tournament.

Left-arm spinner Nasum Ahmed was seen talking to his teammates as a journalist with a microphone in hand, asking questions about how they were feeling about being in India for the World Cup.

Mahmudullah was all praise of the Indian hospitality and food, and revealed his love for butter chicken and the local tea during the candid conversation.

ACC asks Prof Yunus

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have nothing to say in this regard."

The ACC chairman said, "A case has been registered, and now the investigating officer will decide whom he will call."

Asked whether Prof Yunus is being harassed, he said, "Why should he be harassed? Based on the allegations of embezzlement of workers' dividends, the ACC conducted an investigation and filed a case.... Why are you talking about harassment here?"

On May 30, ACC Deputy Director Gulshan filed a case accusing Prof Yunus, the chairman of Grameen Telecom, and 12 others of embezzling Tk 25.22 crore meant for the workers and employees of Grameen Telecom.

Earlier, ACC Director General (administration) Rezwanur Rahman said the factories inspection directorate sent the ACC several complaints against the board of directors of Grameen Telecom.

On July 28 last year, the ACC formed a three-member committee to investigate those complaints. As part

"India is like a second home to us. The food, especially the butter chicken, is really nice. The tea here is absolutely wonderful. It's good to be back here," said Mahmudullah.

In-form Mehedi Hasan Miraz, who struck fifties in both warm-up matches against Sri Lanka and England, echoed Mahmudullah and said he has loved his stay in India so far.

"Definitely, I feel good (to be in India) because we have been here so many times before. And we have played lots of matches in India. So, I'm happy," said Miraz.

of the investigation, the ACC interrogated six people several times in August last year.

The other accused in the case are lawyers Yusuf Ali and Jafrul Hasan Sharif, President of Grameen Telecom Workers-Employees Union Muhammad Kamruzzaman, General Secretary Firoz Mahmud Hasan, and representative of Grameen Telecom Workers-Employees Union Mainul Islam.

Listed criminal

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The SP, however, said the transfers were not related to the allegations.

He said a few days ago police arrested Selim over assaulting AL leader and Naldanga upazila chairman Asaduzzaman Asad and Selim is on bail.

Natore AL General Secretary Shariful Islam Ramzan said Selim is also accused of assaulting Jubo League leader Rion Hossain and Swechchhasebak League leader Masum and others.

Contacted, Salim said he was only doing his civic duties.