

# Another milestone for PRITOM HASAN

The Night of Pritom Hasan on October 26

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From making us dance to Coke Studio's *Deora* to making us cry with *Bhenge Porono Ebhabhe*, Pritom has given us countless hits that made us fall in love with his mellifluous voice.

Starting from acting to composing music, the multifaceted singer has done it all. However, there was something missing from his elevated career, which was his first-ever solo concert. *The Night of Pritom Hasan* will feature the singer performing his popular songs alongside other renowned artistes who will all join the singer on stage to create a spectacular night for his fans on October 26 at Hall 4 of the International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB) in the capital.

"I am really humbled and happy that a lot of big artistes are coming to join us on the stage. We have planned lots of surprises that we haven't revealed to the audience. We have announced some of the artistes' names, but there are many whose names are yet to be revealed as we wanted to surprise our fans," said the singer.

Most of Pritom Hasan's fans are students who are eager to watch the singer perform on stage. However, because concert tickets are expensive, most students are unable to afford them. The young musician came up with a unique plan where he cut the prices in half for students, allowing them to buy the ticket for just Tk 700.

"We have arranged the ticketing system to filter out audiences as we didn't want any problems at the concert. The ticketing system ensures that everyone at the event feels safe. This year, we are offering a Tk 700 budget for students as we are trying to break even for the show. However, we are planning to lower the price on a larger scale next year," added the singer.

When asked how he came up with the student-friendly ticket package, Pritom said, "Basically, this wasn't my idea. Nuhash came up with the idea of wrapping all the best artistes within Tk 700 in one show."

The concert will feature a range of popular artistes starting with Habib Wahid, Arnob, Ferdous Wahid, Momotaz, Xefar Rahman, Armeen Musa, Masha Islam, Raef Al Hasan Rafa, amongst others.

Throughout his concert's promotion, Pritom came up with some wonderful strategies to interact

with his fans, starting with asking them what their favourite songs of his are. They named *Shorgohara*, *Bhenge Porona Ebhabhe*, *Ami Amar Moto*, *Shoroter Shesh Thekey*, amongst others. He also collaborated with other influencers, including Antik Mahmud and Rakin Absar.

"We actually wanted to raise awareness amongst the audiences about the pop culture as we wanted the audience to know more about the concert. I have done an animated video alongside Antik, where we poked fun at each other and teased the audiences about the upcoming concert. On the other hand, Tanvir Sultan's MBA post was actually coincidental. One day he randomly posted a status where he talked about my concert, which was really



a surprise for sure," added the singer.

Pritom Hasan has tons of surprises stored up for the concert; he will sing his favourite songs in a completely new rendition for the event.

"On Thursday, we will be bringing all of your favourite tracks in a brand new form that you haven't heard at any other concerts. This will be a fantastic experience for all, as all my songs will be remixed for my lovely fans," concluded the singer.



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## Nachiketa performing in Dhaka next month



The renowned Bengali music icon Nachiketa Chakraborty is the next artiste scheduled to come to Dhaka and perform his beloved songs in the near future.

Taking to their Facebook posts, organisers Aajob Karkhana and Aajob Records informed that the show titled, *Nachiketa Live in Dhaka with Joy Shahriar*, will be held on November 10, 2023, at KIB (Krishibid Institution Bangladesh) auditorium.

Musician Joy Shahriar, founder and CEO of the organising entities, said, "Everything is finalised, *dada* is coming. Hopefully, a majority of his fans will be able to listen to his songs live in Dhaka."

## 'Kajol Rekha' team to cheer up Bangladesh at World Cup

The ICC Cricket World Cup is in full swing in India, with Bangladesh joining the lineup of nine other teams. Two important matches are looming for Bangladesh as the national team is headed to face the Netherlands on October 28 and then Pakistan on October 31 at Kolkata's iconic Eden Garden.

The country's cricket enthusiasts are also gearing up to support their team. Similarly, the cast and crew of the film *Kajol Rekha*, including Sariful Razz, Rafiath Rashid Mithila, Mondira Chakraborty and director Gias Uddin Selim, will be present in the gallery during these two pivotal matches. Their presence will not only be about cricket but also about promoting the upcoming film.



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## Human error

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both the outer and home signals were not in favour of the container train.

But, the locomaster overshot the signal and hit the passenger train, which was changing lines, smashing into the third from the last carriage.

Even if the container train hit the passenger train, it would ultimately get derailed as the switch was not in its favour.

"He [the locomaster] was not supposed to make such a major mistake," the BR official added.

### WHY SUCH HUMAN ERRORS?

On November 12, 2019, two intercity trains collided in Kasba of Brahmanbaria killing 16 people and injuring more than 70 people.

Negligence of the driver, his assistant and the guard of Turna Nishita Express was found responsible for the fatal train as they did not operate it following the signals properly, a probe found.

On April 16, Dhaka-bound Sonar Bangla Express hit a freight train at Nangalkot of Cumilla, leading seven carriages and the locomotive to derail. As many as 30 people were injured.

BR suspended four of staffers including the locomaster, assistant locomaster and the guard of the Sonar Bangla Express for their negligence.

Lack of proper safety compliance, strict surveillance, absence of exemplary punishment for such negligence and extra workload of running staffers are behind the accidents caused due to "human error," said a BR official.

Meanwhile, the railways ministry yesterday formed a seven-member committee led by joint secretary (audit and ICT) Hashan Mahmud. The committee was asked to submit the report within seven working days.

Earlier, BR formed two separate committees to investigate the accident and they have already started their work.

## No lack

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situation was "not as conducive yet as expected", he said.

"Did you see the situation was conducive as expected before the previous elections? They [past ECs] did not have the moral courage to say that."

Ahsan, however, claimed that the current situation is conducive to holding the parliamentary polls.

## Egg imports

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the high commission of Bangladesh.

"By this time, the Puja holidays started in India, so we are delayed by another week. I hope the first consignment of the eggs from India will arrive in Bangladesh soon as the public holiday in India is coming to an end."

The imported eggs will be sold in trucks at government-fixed prices at five points in Dhaka, he added.

When Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi announced the decision to allow eggs to be brought in from abroad on September 12, he said the foreign eggs would hit the market within a week as many companies are raring to import.

Six days later, the commerce ministry gave permission to four companies to import four crore eggs from India.

In the meantime, it also fixed the price of egg at Tk 12.

But neither the price cap nor the import permits had any effect on cooling the egg market.

Currently, a dozen eggs are selling for Tk 155 to Tk 160, meaning each egg costs Tk 12.91 to Tk 13.33 at the retail level.

Poultry farmers have increased the prices of eggs using the excuse of price hikes of poultry feed in the global market.

## Hapless Tigers running

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But sadly for Bangladesh, the morning did not show the day.

The Proteas recovered from the slow start and reached 238-3 after 40 overs with a Quinton ton-up de Kock and a well-set Heinrich Klaasen in the middle.

In the next 10 overs, de Kock, who hit his third ton in the tournament, Klaasen and David Miller wreaked havoc.

Twenty-one out of the last 60 legal deliveries went for either a four or a six as Bangladesh conceded 144 runs off the last 10 overs.

The apparent ease with which the South Africa batters punished the bowlers, dispatching even good deliveries to the ropes, signified the difference in ability of the two sides.

The Bangladesh bowlers can't be blamed for not trying, but on a barren pitch, they didn't have the resources to stem the South African onslaught.

The batters, however, showed no fight in the second innings as they

Currently, some 290 registered feed mills and another 100 unregistered ones are producing 80 lakh tonnes of feed for poultry, fisheries and dairies.

As much as 70 percent of the production cost goes towards poultry feed. In fiscal 2022-23, 2,337.63 crores of eggs were produced, according to data from the fisheries and livestock ministry. The annual demand for eggs was 1,806.48 crore, the data also said.

## Permission

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prevented it from conducting the programmes.

The minister then said the party should connect with the people and participate in the electoral process.

"Rather than pursuing such goals, the BNP has a tendency to potentially bring Dhaka to a standstill and resort to strikes and blockades.

"Thousands of people need to come to the capital to travel out of the country. Patients in critical condition travel to Dhaka for medical care arrive in Dhaka....

"The law enforcement agencies have a responsibility and duty to safeguard the lives and property of our citizens, and they will wholeheartedly fulfil this responsibility."

had seemingly already surrendered to their fate.

Such a defeat is sure to take a toll on the Tigers. But in a tournament like the World Cup, teams don't get time to dwell on their misery for too long and must look ahead at what's next.

Even though there is a slight mathematical chance of a semifinal qualification, realistically, Bangladesh's hopes are already dashed.

However, The Tigers still have a chance to make this their best ever World Cup in terms of wins.

Bangladesh have never won more than three matches in a World Cup. They need two victories to match that and three to cross it.

Bangladesh's next three opponents are the Netherlands, Pakistan and Sri Lanka—teams they would fancy their chances against.

But to do that, first Bangladesh have to find a way to look past the embarrassment against South Africa.

## Hamoon claims three lives

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administration visited affected areas and found many homes in Samiti Para of the town damaged.

Many areas adjoining Cox's Bazar town was without power.

The storm has weakened and it was moving northeastwards. It may cross Cox's Bazar and Chattogram coasts near Kutubdia, a special bulletin of Bangladesh Meteorological Department said around 8:00pm yesterday.

The maximum sustained wind speed within 54km of the storm centre is about 62km per hour and it rises to 88kph in gusts. The sea remained very rough near the cyclone, the bulletin said.

It added that under the peripheral effects of the cyclone and steep pressure gradient, the low-lying areas of the coastal districts of Cox's Bazar, Chattogram, Noakhali, Laxmipur, Satkhira, and their offshore islands and chars are likely to be inundated

## BNP mulling gap

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in front of the party's Nayapaltan headquarters on July 28. The party had announced from the rally that it would observe sit-ins at four entries to the capital the following day. But the BNP faced significant obstruction from the police and ruling Awami League men that day.

The opposition party also found that there was a lack of coordination among its leaders and activists, and that they did not have enough time to get ready to make the sit-ins a success.

"Our top priority is to hold a peaceful rally. We are focusing on that and that's why we are considering a break of a day or two," said a BNP

leader who is involved in finalising the movement's programmes.

The party has already asked its leaders and activists to come to Dhaka by today to avoid any obstacles put in their way and also gave a guideline to them on how to reach the capital and where to stay.

Meanwhile, the BNP last night asked its leaders and activists to stay in their respective areas after October 28 to make the party's future demonstration programmes a success.

In a press release, BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi said leaders and activists from across the country will join the October 28 grand rally in Dhaka to make it a success.

All fishing boats and trawlers in

north Bay and deep sea have been advised to remain in shelter until further notice.

Earlier, the government asked people of 10 coastal districts to move to shelters by 8:00pm yesterday. The districts are Patuakhali, Barishal, Pirojpur, Jhalakathi, Barguna, Chattogram, Feni, Noakhali, Laxmipur, and Chandpur.

"Around 1.5 million people from these districts will be taken to shelter centres," said Enamur Rahman, state minister for disaster management and relief, after a meeting on cyclone preparedness at the Secretariat.

He said the local administrations and volunteers have already started the evacuation activities.

Meanwhile, the inhabitants of St Martin's Island of Cox's Bazar have been asked to take safe shelter while 64 shelters have been prepared with sufficient dry food, said Teknaf Upazila Nirbahi Officer Adnan Chowdhury.

On Sunday, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said his party has only one plan—holding the October 28 grand rally peacefully. He said the BNP has no intention of occupying the streets.

"It [the speculation that the BNP will go for a sit-in] is completely false. We did not ask our leaders and activists to come to Dhaka and sit on the streets. We told them that after the October 28 rally, everyone would return to their respective areas and they would wait for the next programme."

The BNP leader also said the party would not announce any programme for which its leaders and activists would have to stay in the capital.

Before that, it will hold rallies in every district headquarters on Friday with the same demands.

Though the party is not a BNP ally, it will support the opposition's anti-government movement, party sources said.

Contacted, Islami Andolan Bangladesh's Joint General Secretary Shahidul Islam said they are holding their own programmes while also supporting the opposition's peaceful anti-government agitation.