

## I won over critics, it's a big achievement: **TASNIA FARIN**

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From *Ladies and Gentlemen* to *Tithir Oshukh*, Tasnia Farin loves portraying challenging characters, and this year has been exceptionally special for the actress as she tied the knot with her longtime companion and friend, Shaikh Rezwan.

Recently, the actress won over the critics by her surreal performance as Maha in *Karagar*. Farin took home the coveted Best Actor (Female) award in the Critics category at the *Blender's Choice-The Daily Star OTT & Digital Content Awards 2022*. The actress also wowed the audience with her stellar performance at the event.



"They say, behind every man lies a woman who supports him. However, I am really thankful for having a loving husband who has been my strong pillar of support," said Farin after winning the award.

Farin looked breathtaking in an exquisite white sequin saree by Festivibe, which she paired up with a beautiful neck piece by Amishee.

"Winning an award motivates an artiste to give their all to audiences, especially critics awards because the esteemed jury members have more experience and observation about acting. I am really happy that Maha's story was able to touch critics heart," said the actress.

At the *Blender's Choice-The Daily Star OTT & Digital Content Awards 2022*,

*Karagar* won nine awards.

"As an artiste, I was most pleased to see 'Karagar' win nine awards at the event. This was the biggest highlight for me, aside from winning Best Actress," stated Farin.

The *Networker Baire* actress danced her heart out as she moved along to the rhythm of *Jhumka* on stage.

"I don't really perform much on stage. However, thanks to Alif bhaiya's choreography and dedication, I was able to rehearse and learn the dance moves within three days of rehearsal. It was really fun dancing my heart out on the stage and everyone who watched the performance appreciated it a lot," added the artiste.

Talking about the challenges of playing Maha on-screen, Farin said, "In season 2 of 'Karagar', David sent me to jail with a message which I had to convey to the mystery man amidst the presence of jailer Mostaque Ahmed. It was a multilayer of communication. I never faced such a sequence before and thus it was really challenging for me," said the actress.

The actress also has a series of OTT projects lined up starting with Shihab Shaheen's *Kachher Manush Dure Thuiya*, which is one of the anthology films from Chorki original production *Ministry of Love*. Meanwhile, *Baba Someone Following Me* will premiere on Binge and Kajal Arefin Ome's web film *Oshomoye* will release on Bongo, soon.



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## Taylor Swift achieves billionaire status



Taylor Swift, the celebrated pop music phenomenon, has entered the billionaire club, with her net worth now at an impressive \$1.1 billion. This significant financial milestone was largely propelled by her immensely successful Eras Tour and the accompanying film of the same name, which recently debuted in theaters. The film has already generated an astonishing \$130 million in global box office earnings, with an additional \$80 million amassed through advance ticket sales.

An in-depth analysis by Bloomberg News reveals that Swift's extensive 146-date global tour played a pivotal role in accumulating her wealth. Notably, the United States leg of the Eras Tour alone made a substantial contribution, boosting the country's gross domestic product by \$4.3 billion.



## Atif Aslam reacts to fans throwing money at him

Pakistani singer Atif Aslam has become the latest musician to face disruptive fan behavior, which has also affected Canadian rapper Drake, Bebe Rexha, Cardi B, and Arijit Singh, amongst others.

An overzealous fan showered money on the Pakistani artist while he performed on stage in the United States. However, Atif Aslam was quick to respond to the situation which has gone viral all over the social media.

The singer stopped his performance in the middle and told the fan on stage that, "My friend, donate this money, don't throw it at me, this is just being disrespectful to the money."

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### US doesn't support

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The two previous national elections in Bangladesh were marred by allegations of irregularities.

Salman and Zeya both acknowledged that in democracy, the only way to change the government is through elections.

Salman restated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's firm commitment to ensure that the upcoming election is held in a free, fair, and peaceful manner, said the statement issued yesterday.

The two also discussed further enhancing the existing economic partnership between the two countries and talked about the recent conflicts in the Middle East, and the Rohingya issue.

Zeya praised Bangladesh's generosity for hosting over 1.2 million Rohingyas and assured continued US support for them, said the statement.

Muhammad Imran, Bangladesh ambassador to the US, Afreen Akhter, deputy assistant secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, and senior officials of Bangladesh embassy and US State Department were present at the meeting.

After the meeting, Zeya wrote on X, formerly Twitter, that she had a vital conversation with Salman on the US-Bangladesh partnership.

"Looking forward to continued engagement on shared concerns, inkling delivery of humanitarian assistance to Gaza; free and fair elections in Bangladesh and Rohingya refugee support," she wrote.

### US to review all violent incidents

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On May 24, the US said it would impose visa restrictions on individuals and their immediate family members "if they are responsible for, or complicit in, undermining the democratic election process in Bangladesh".

On September 22, it said it started applying the curbs.

### Head ton helps Australia

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Cricket Association Stadium.

Ravindra led New Zealand's spirited reply with his second hundred of the tournament and Daryl Mitchell made 54 to keep the 2019 runners-up in the hunt.

Australia regained control after Ravindra fell in the 41st over but James Neesham injected fresh drama into the contest with a never-say-die 58 even though New Zealand ended just short of their target on 383-9.

"That was awesome," Australia captain Pat Cummins said after their fourth win in six matches.

"Sometimes I have to remember I'm out in the field, not a spectator. A fantastic game, they kept coming at us."

Head had missed Australia's first five matches with a fractured hand and he looked determined to make up for the lost time, racing to a 25-ball fifty as he and Warner took Australia to the 150 mark in the 15th over.

Glenn Phillips broke the burgeoning stand by taking a return catch to dismiss Warner, but Head raced to a 59-ball century.

Phillips came to New Zealand's rescue again breaching Head's defence with a skidding delivery to end the batter's 67-ball blitz, which was studded with seven sixes and 10 fours.

Glenn Maxwell (41) and Josh Inglis (38) produced breezy cameos and

skipper Pat Cummins clobbered four sixes in his 37 off 14 balls before Australia collapsed with four balls left in their innings.

Devon Conway (28) and Will Young (32) gave New Zealand a rapid start but Josh Hazlewood removed both in successive overs to peg them back.

Ravindra and Mitchell steadied the innings playing sensible cricket.

Ravindra brought up his 77-ball hundred with a six off Maxwell and it was because of his stellar knock that New Zealand entered the final 10 overs of their innings confident of scoring the required 97 runs for victory.

Cummins removed Ravindra in the 42nd over but Neesham produced a belligerent 58 to keep the contest alive.

New Zealand needed 19 off the final over from Starc, who conceded a single off the first delivery before bowling a wide down the leg side which ran to the boundary.

Needing 13 off five balls, Neesham squeezed six runs of the next three deliveries before being run out. That left Ferguson with the job of hitting the final delivery for six, but he drilled it straight to the cover fielder instead.

"It was a fantastic game of cricket," New Zealand captain Tom Latham said. "There were ebbs and flows throughout the 100 overs. Obviously to get so close hurts."

### Tigers stoop to their lowest

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Shakib's removal led to two more in quick time, including Mushfiqur Rahim - who failed to justify his 'Mr. Dependable' tag - and Mehedi Hasan Miraz. Although Miraz scored the team-high 35 off 40 balls but he got dismissed at an untimely phase, leaving the last recognised batting pair at the crease, too early for comfort, at 70 for six.

The burden of responsibility yet again fell onto Mahmudullah Riyad's shoulders and the in-form veteran had an able partner in Sheikh Mahedi for a while. However, a confusion in the middle led to Mahedi getting run-out and Mahmudullah soon followed suit as Netherlands, who stunned South Africa earlier in the tournament,

began to sense yet another historic win.

Earlier, Bangladesh started well with the ball but dropped catches, both of the Dutch skipper Scott Edwards, proved costly. From five down for 107, the Netherlands headed into the interval with ample momentum, having scored over 30 runs in the final three overs.

Shakib said after the match, "But we have been poor with the bat all tournament and this is as bad as it gets."

While the captain has stated the obvious, yesterday's defeat can be considered the lowest point in Bangladesh cricket, which can be compared with their embarrassing defeat against Canada in the 2003 edition.

### AL to go all out against hartal

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Sheikh Hasina.

The crowd spilled over and reached the Secretariate to the west and Mahanagar Nattayamancha to the south.

Though the rally was scheduled to begin at 2:00pm, large groups of activists began to arrive at the venue hours earlier. Many of them brought sticks covered in placards, flags and banners while others carried hockey sticks and bamboos.

According to AL sources, activists will remain at every party office across the city from early morning to resist any unwanted situation centring the BNP's hartal.

Addressing yesterday's rally,

### Bangladesh votes

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"We have not only voted yes for the resolution, but also played an instrumental role in organising this emergency session," Bangladesh Permanent Representative to the UN in New York, Ambassador Muhammad Abdul Muhit said in a statement yesterday.

When the UN Security Council fails to adopt any resolution regarding international peace and security, it becomes urgent to hold

Quader said, "Hartal became a weapon without a sharp edge and this weapon doesn't work anymore. We will hold peace rallies in the cities, districts, and upazilas all over Bangladesh tomorrow."

From now on, the BNP will not be spared, he said. "You have seen how dirty, criminal and murderous they are. And they have returned to their old face today. Now, we will go after them."

He added, "The BNP unleashed violence in the name of a peaceful rally."

He then condemned the BNP for attacking police and the residence of the chief justice.

"Let's see who stands by you

tomorrow."

AL Joint General Secretary Mahabubul Alam Hanif said with its activities, the BNP proved itself to be a terrorist party.

Another joint general secretary, AFM Bahauddin Nasim, said the BNP would be resisted because it is conspiring to foil the election.

He urged supporters across the country to resist the BNP whenever it tries to create unrest.

He then asked activists not to "leave the streets until the next election".

Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh vowed that there would be "forts everywhere to resist the BNP's hartal".

humanitarian ceasefire.

Since October 7, the Security Council repeatedly failed to take decisions regarding humanitarian ceasefire despite having a series of meetings, though the Security Council has primary responsibility to maintain international peace and security.

Meanwhile, more than 7,000 civilians including 3,500 children got killed in Gaza due to bombing by Israel after Hamas killed some 1,400 Israelis.

### Jamaat to resist election without caretaker govt

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the Election Commission as a political party, would not be given permission to hold the rally.

However, police yesterday seemed to have softened their stance and let Jamaat hold the rally at Arambagh after several thousand Jamaat activists broke through barricades in front of the Notre Dame College around 12:30pm. Police did not allow Jamaat men to cross the Arambagh intersection and head towards Shapla Chattar.

Sources in police told this newspaper that Jamaat was given a verbal permission for the rally at

Arambagh.

Addressing the rally, Mujibur, also a former lawmaker, said, "We will revoke all laws enacted by the imperialists, socialists, and secularists."

"We will establish an Islamic welfare state..."

He claimed that Awami League activists killed Jamaat activists on this day (October 28) in 2006.

He said they want to take revenge for the killings by fulfilling the desire to enforce Sharia law.

"We will not allow any election to be held without the caretaker government system. We will resist it

even at the cost of our lives."

Around a week ago, Jamaat called for a rally in Shapla Chattar area to press home various demands, including the reinstatement of the caretaker government system.

Yesterday evening, acting Jamaat secretary general ATM Masum through a statement called for hartal and alleged that over 300 Jamaat activists and leaders had been arrested to foil its rally at Shapla Chattar.

The EC in 2018 scrapped the registration of Jamaat following a High Court verdict that declared the party's registration illegal.