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Who triumphed at National Film Awards 2022?

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Yesterday, the Ministry of Information unveiled the distinguished recipients of the 2022 National Film Awards, a highly regarded recognition in the realm of Bangladeshi cinema. Annually, the government bestows accolades to artistes across diverse categories for their outstanding contributions to the film industry.

In the current year, the National Film Awards have been granted across a spectrum of 27 categories, totaling 33 esteemed awards for 17 films. The official list of awardees has been unveiled by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, and we invite you to explore these deserving honourees.

Kamrul Alam Khan Khasru and Rawshan Ara Rozina have been honoured with the Lifetime

Achievement Award for their contributions to the film industry.

Mohammad Abdul Qayyum's production, **Kura Pokkhir Shunne Ura** and Md Tamzid Ul Alam's **Poran** have been jointly announced as winners in the Best Film category.

The Best Director award has been bagged by Rubaiyat Hossain for her film **Shimu**.

Chanchal Chowdhury has been recognised as the Best Actor for his performance in **Hawa**, whereas Jaya Ahsan (**Beauty Circus**), and Reekita Nondine Shimu (**Shimu**), will jointly receive the Best Actress accolade.

While the Best Supporting Actor

award goes to Nasir Uddin Khan for his performance in **Poran**; Afsana Mimi will receive the Best Supporting Actress award for **Paap Punno**. The Best Actor in a Negative Role award will go to Subhasish Bhowmik for **Deshantor**.

Deepu Imam will be given the Best Actor (Comedy) for **Operation Sundarbans**.

Bristi Akther (**Rohingya**), and Muntaha Amelia (**Birotto**), will jointly receive the Best Child Artiste award for their performances in the respective films. Additionally, **Kura Pokkhir Shunne Ura** will take home another award as Farzina Akhtar earns herself a special award in this

same category.

Ripon Khan will receive the Best Music Director award for **Payer Chhaap**. Bappa Mazumder (**Operation Sundarbans**) and Chandan Sinha (**Hridita**) are to receive Best Singer awards in the male category.

Atiya Anisha will receive the Best Singer award in the female category for **Payer Chhaap**.

The Best Lyricist award goes to Robiul Islam Jibon for **Dheere Dheere** from **Poran**, while Shouquat Ali Imon will be given the Best Composer award for **Ei Shohorer Pothe Pothe** from **Payer Chhaap**.

Faridur Reza Sagar (**Damal**) and Khorshed Alam Khosru (**Golui**) will jointly be recognised with the Best Script Writer awards, while the Best Screenplay Writer award will go to Mohammad Abdul Qayyum for **Kura**

Pokkhir Shunne Ura.

SA Haque Olike's writing for **Golui** has helped him win the Best Dialogue award. The Best Editing award will go to Sujon Mahmud for **Shimu**; Best Art Direction to Himadri Barua and Best Cinematography to Asaduzzaman Moynu for the film **Rohingya**.

Ripon Nath, from the team of **Hawa** will be receiving the Best Sound Designer award, while Best Costume Designer and Makeup award will be going to Tansina Shawon for **Shimu**. The Best Make-up Man award goes to Khokon Mollah for **Operation Sundarbans**.

Ghore Fera, produced by S M Kamrul Ahsan Lenin, will be recognised as the Best Short Film, while the Best Documentary Film award will go to **Bangabandhu and Dhaka University**, produced by Dr A J M Shafiul Alam Bhuiyan.



Kamrul Alam Khan



Atiya Anisha



Reekita Nondine Shimu



Ripon Khan



Rubaiyat Hossain



Robiul Islam Jibon



Jaya Ahsan

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As there is a constitutional obligation. Political parties have different options. They may or may not take part in elections. They can run from all 300 seats alone or take part in polls forming alliances, he said.

The current parliament expires on January 29 and the 90-day countdown for holding the 12th parliamentary polls starts today.

As part of the preparation for announcing the polls schedule, the EC will today hold a meeting with high officials, including those from Bangladesh Bank and different ministries and divisions.

The commission is also likely to meet Chief Justice Obaidul Hassan in the afternoon. It may call on President Mohammed Shahabuddin on November 5.

Top EC officials said the commissioners will hold a meeting to finalise the dates of appointing returning officers and announcing the polls schedule after meeting the president.

The commission might announce the schedule in mid-November, they said.

Bangladesh first

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The same cannot be said for Shanto, though, as a soft dismissal brought his downfall. Shanto, predicted to be the leading performer with the willow for Bangladesh, failed to reach double digit for the sixth time in a row following his fifty against Afghanistan in their tournament opener.

Liton Das, meanwhile, looked solid and staged a consolidation act with in-form Mahmudullah Riyad, who was handed a deserving promotion at number five for the first time in this World Cup.

But as the Tigers were beginning to find some stable footing, another soft dismissal sent Liton packing for 45, with his team at 102 for four inside 21 overs. A stunned Liton remained rooted in the middle for around half a minute before taking the long walk towards the dressing room.

Mahmudullah, however, continued his fine run in the World Cup but his innings ended at an unlikely 56, with Afridi squaring him up to bag his third victim. Shakib (43) and Miraz (25) later put in some effort to help their side post 200-plus but it was not enough on batting-friendly conditions and against a Pakistan side desperate for a turnaround – seemingly way more than Bangladesh.

Myanmar team

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delegation, led by Social Welfare Minister of Rakhine State Saw Naing, had talks with the heads of 100 Rohingya families, he said.

They answered the queries of the Rohingyas and informed them about the arrangements in Myanmar.

The Myanmar team also talked about Rohingya's citizenship and voting rights, the RRRC said.

Rohingyas demanded repatriation to their ancestral land in Myanmar.

"Now our main goal is to start a dignified and sustainable repatriation," Mizanur said.

The visiting team, which left for Myanmar yesterday afternoon, is expected to visit Teknaf again today, said Shamsud Douza, the additional refugee, relief, and repatriation commissioner.

EC to invite all parties

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leaders or two representatives from each party for the dialogue, Jahangir added.

EC sources said they would start sending invitation letters to the parties today and that AL and BNP will be put in separate halves of the dialogue.

After a meeting with US envoy in Dhaka Peter Haas, Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Habibur Awal said the ambassador believes there will be a solution to the political tensions through talks among political parties.

"We also have a similar belief. We think that the political crisis will not be resolved by showing strength on the streets," he told reporters after the meeting at the capital's EC Bhavan.

Haas expressed his hope for all sides to engage in dialogue without preconditions in order to deescalate the prevailing tensions and find a pathway to a free, fair and peaceful election.

Speaking to reporters, he said, "Political violence by any side has no place in democratic elections.

"Any action that undermines the democratic elections process – including violence, preventing people from exercising their right to peaceful assembly and internet access – calls into question the ability to conduct a free and fair election."

This is the third Myanmar delegation to have visited Bangladesh to discuss Rohingya repatriation.

Syed Alam, a Rohingya who participated in a meeting yesterday, said Myanmar officials were visiting them time and again, but they were not being repatriated.

Anwara Begum, a Rohingya from Jadimora camp, said Myanmar officials told them that they would take 3,000 Rohingyas to 20 villages.

"So it is clear that we will not be repatriated to our ancestral villages. We won't move from one camp in Bangladesh to another one in our homeland," she added.

Bangladesh is now sheltering around one million Rohingya refugees, most of whom fled a violent Myanmar military crackdown in Rakhine in 2017.

Haas urged for transparency and accountability in the EC's constitutional role in arranging an election of international standards.

In March this year, the CEC sent a demi official letter to BNP, inviting it for an official or unofficial discussion on the polls.

"But the party didn't respond," an election commissioner said.

UN concerned

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Meanwhile, US State Department Spokesperson Matthew Miller yesterday said they encourage Bangladeshi authorities to thoroughly investigate the incidents surrounding the October 28 BNP rally and hold those responsible for the violence accountable.

"The holding of free and fair elections is the responsibility of everyone – voters, political parties, the government," he said in response to a question.

British High Commissioner Sarah Cooke called on all stakeholders to exercise restraint, shun violence, and work together to create the conditions for free, fair, participatory, and peaceful elections.

She said this during a meeting with Awami League leaders Faruk Khan and Dr Shammi Ahmed last evening.

Tigers' freefall not just the batters' making

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A defeat for Bangladesh was all but written on the wall at the halfway mark when they were bundled out for 204, thanks to an all-too-familiar top-order collapse.

Bangladesh were reduced to 3-23 inside the first Powerplay, from where they did not recover despite a battling 56 from Mahmudullah and 40-plus contributions from Liton Das and an embattled Shakib Al Hasan.

The top-order collapse in the first Powerplay has been the biggest headache for the Tigers in this World Cup.

In the seven games they have played, the Tigers lost 16 wickets – the highest by a long margin among the 10 teams. There was only one occasion when the Tigers did not lose a wicket in the first Powerplay – a 93-run stand between openers Tanzid Hasan and Liton against India.

Defending champions England, who are now struggling at the bottom of the 10-team table with one

win, come second on that unenviable list, losing 13 wickets in the first Powerplay overs in six games.

Although the failure of the English juggernaut in this World Cup is inexplicable, an experiment-happy Bangladesh team management should be blamed for the reasons behind the team's downfall – starting from leaving behind a tried and tested opener in Tamim Iqbal at the last moment on fitness ground to juggling with the batting order in almost every game they have played so far.

The team management took the gamble of carrying only two openers, with young Tanzid having very little experience of playing international cricket before. The left-handed batter scored 100 runs in seven games including a 51.

Liton has also failed with the bat and so has one-down Nazmul Hossain, despite the latter having scored a lot of runs coming into the World Cup. Skipper Shakib has been

a pale shadow of his brilliant self, especially with the bat.

Mushfiqur Rahim has also failed to do justice to his reputation as Mr. Dependable. The only shining light in an otherwise lacklustre batting line-up has been Mahmudullah, who grabbed his last-minute inclusion with both hands and scored the only century for Bangladesh in this competition so far.

Bangladesh, as a batting unit, have been an abject failure in this World Cup. They seemed to have forgotten how to construct an innings as a unit, which used to be a hallmark of the side since 2015.

The players are certainly to be blamed for the team's failure, but there are many more characters who should share the blame.

However, for the moment, the sole focus should be on the two remaining games against Sri Lanka and Australia before having a dig into the reasons behind the collective implosion.

PM snubs calls for talks with BNP

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Responding to a query about the proposal by US Ambassador Peter Haas on holding talks without preconditions, Hasina said, "With whom the dialogue should be held? Is Biden holding a dialogue with Mr Trump? The day Mr Trump and Biden hold talks, I will do as well.

"Let him [Peter Haas] have dinner and talks," she said.

The AL chief blasted the international organisation of journalists for being silent over the attack on 40-45 journalists by "BNP men" on October 28.

On polls-time government, she said, "We are not going to form an election-time government. Rather, the incumbent cabinet will continue routine work to run the country during the polls. The work of the government is hindered if the cabinet is downsized."

The PM said they followed this system in 2018 even though a polls-time cabinet was formed in 2014 comprising representatives of different political parties.

Hasina said the ministers would not be able to enjoy government's

facilities after the announcement of the election schedule as per the Representation of the People Order (RPO). "They will have to seek votes just as a candidate."

She said Bangladesh would follow the election-time government system that of Australia, Canada, India, England and other countries with parliamentary democracies.

Blasting the BNP, the PM said they attacked the police hospital and killed people like the Israelis did in Palestine. "There is no difference between the BNP and Israel as the brutality of the attack was the same."

She criticised the BNP for not making any statement protesting the Israeli attack on Palestine.

Hasina said the BNP would not be able to stop the next general election by resorting to violence like they could not in 2014 and 2018.

About unrest at some garments factories, the premier asked the garment workers to refrain from violence as negotiations over re-fixing their minimum wages were underway.

She said her government on three occasions raised the workers'

minimum wages to Tk 8,300 from only Tk 1,600 in just 14 years.

She said the loss of two lives was very unfortunate.

About the price hike of essentials, Hasina said she has already directed the authorities concerned to take action against the hoarders rather than against retailers.

She said the commodity prices are raised artificially. The hoarders do not want to reduce the prices even when their goods start to rot, the PM added.

Hasina termed her visit to Belgium "very successful". "The partnership with the European Union has reached a new height during the visit."

She said Bangladesh has been assured of cooperation so that it continues to enjoy its business facilities in the European Union.

The PM said during her visit Bangladesh signed several agreements with the European Investment Bank and European Commission under which Bangladesh would get €477 as loan and grants in renewable energy and social sectors.